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Sabah trip to Moscow clarified

JEDDAH, April 22 — Kuwait Wednesday denied that Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah will visit Moscow Thursday on behalf of the newly-formed Gulf Cooperation Council.

In a telephone interview Wednesday a Foreign Ministry spokesman told Arab News that Sheikh Sabah, who is also deputy premier, was visiting the Soviet Union Thursday at an invitation extended two years ago.

The spokesman said that Sabah was scheduled to visit Moscow in 1979 shortly after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the conference of the Islamic foreign ministers.

Later Sheikh Sabah was due to meet his Soviet counterpart Andrei Gromyko at the United Nations but the meeting was called off as war broke out between Iraq and Iran.

The spokesman said the foreign minister "will only speak for his country on matters which concern Kuwait."

He ruled out that Sheikh Sabah will discuss Soviet military assistance to Kuwait. "Arms are not on the agenda of the talks", the spokesman told Arab News.

He said Sheikh Sabah will discuss in Moscow:

- The current situation in the Gulf;
- keeping the Gulf free from world conflicts;
- Kuwait-Soviet relations;
- International issues, and
- the Arab-Israeli conflict.

The spokesman also said that Sheikh Sabah will not discuss a proposal by President Leonid Brezhnev on the security of the Gulf since it is not on the agenda. But he said the proposal might be discussed if the issue was taken up.

Gulf countries had rejected Brezhnev proposal and affirmed that the security of the Gulf is the responsibility of its people.

The spokesman said the Kuwaiti foreign minister will discuss the Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and brief them on Kuwait's rejection and the need for withdrawal from that country.

Meanwhile, Kuwait's daily *Al Qabas* Wednesday said Sheikh Sabah's visit signifies a "skilful and implicit rejection" of United States policy in the Middle East.

Japanese strike may cripple life

TOKYO, April 22 (AFP) — Japanese National Railway workers are preparing a crippling 48-hour strike beginning Thursday, expected to leave an estimated 19 million people without their daily means of transportation.

It is expected to stop about 94 per cent of the daily 18,000 national train runs, the National Railway said.

But 11 of the nation's 12 major private railway companies called off their own scheduling strike Wednesday, after idling their services for only three hours. They accepted the offer of a 7.63-per cent pay raise, or 14,700 yen (\$68.4) monthly. National Railway workers were said to be demanding a 7.53 per cent increase, or 13,800 yen (\$64) per month, rejecting the government offer of a 7.37 per cent increase.

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U.K. stands firm on Sands issue

LONDON, April 22 (Agencies) — A last minute concession from the British government for the jailed Republican activist Bobby Sands, now in the 53rd day of his hunger strike, seemed ruled out.

"There can be no question of political status for someone who is serving a sentence for crime," prime Minister Margaret Thatcher told correspondents Tuesday night in Riyadh, during her Gulf tour.

"Crime is crime," she declared, "it is not political — it is crime."

Sands, 27, was elected to the Westminster parliament from the Ulster (Northern Ireland) constituency of Fermanagh and South Tyrone 12 days ago, on a Republican platform.

He has been fasting since March 1 and was given the last rites Friday. His family said on Monday that he was sinking rapidly into a coma.

Mrs. Thatcher also said that she had refused a request for an urgent personal interview from three members of the parliament of the Irish Republic in Dublin — Sile De Valera, Neil Blaney, and John O'Connell — who visited Sands in Belfast Prison two days ago.

"It is not my habit or custom to meet members of parliament of a foreign country

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CRUEL DESTINY: With agony writ large on her face, a mother turns away her face from the charred bodies of two of her sons and their friend. The youths were done to death by what neighbors say a right-wing death squad in San Martin, San Salvador.

Iran admits economic plight

ZURICH, April 22 (AP) — Iranian President Abolhassan Bani-Sadr was quoted Wednesday as saying that Iran's economic plight is worse than the Gulf war.

In an interview with a correspondent for the Zurich weekly *Weltwoche*, the president also was quoted as saying that the Islamic Republic Party of Ayatollah Beheshti is seeking to establish a new dictatorship in Iran.

Torture continues to be practiced in Iran, Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying, adding, however, that he saw progress in the civil rights situation.

Commenting about the Gulf war with Iraq,

UAE decides to buy British Hawks

ABU DHABI, April 22 (Agencies) — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) told Britain Wednesday that it had decided to buy British Hawk trainer planes for its Air Force, a British spokesman said. He said British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was given the news by the Deputy Commander of the UAE Armed Forces, Sheikh Khalifa bin Zaid Al-Nahayan, at talks here.

The security of the Gulf area has been high on the agenda of Mrs. Thatcher's talks in Saudi Arabia and the UAE, and she has stressed Britain's readiness to sell the Gulf states the arms they need to defend themselves. The order for the Hawks shows the UAE clearly wants to take up the offer, which was also appreciated in Saudi Arabia.

In Riyadh, Defense Minister Prince Sultan said Wednesday he thanked Mrs. Thatcher for her offer and said the Kingdom was always ready to cooperate with friendly countries on defense and industrial programs.

The British spokesman said talks would start within two weeks on details of the sale of the Hawks, which cost \$8 million each and are Britain's newest jet trainer.

In the meantime the Palestinian problem figured prominently in Mrs. Thatcher's talks with leaders of the United Arab Emirates. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Sheikh Rashid Abdallah said between rounds of

U.K. banks on strike

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Pickets patrolled outside British clearing banks Wednesday as some 12,000 bank staff began a 24-hour strike protesting against the management's refusal to concede a 10 per cent pay hike.

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Sultan lauds package AWACS test to Reagan

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — Defense and Civil Aviation Minister Prince Sultan Wednesday lauded the American administration for its agreement to sell Saudi Arabia advanced weapons.

The minister said "we rest assured toward the 'Shams Al Salam project' to build up our defense capability." He added that there were no obstacles in the way of the project in spite of malicious campaigns against the Kingdom.

Meanwhile, wire reports said Wednesday the United States remained committed to Israel's security despite President Reagan's plan to sell advanced planes to Saudi Arabia.

"The U.S. is fully committed to Israel's security," White House spokesman Larry Speakes said.

The administration capped weeks of news leaks and speculation Tuesday when it formally announced the proposed multi-billion dollar sale of five, radar-packed Air Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes as well as missiles and fuel tanks for F-15 fighter aircraft purchased by Saudi Arabia.

Two factors which could be crucial to whether Reagan can avoid a humiliating diplomatic and political defeat remained undecided.

They are the timing of submission of the



President Ronald Reagan

deal to Congress and the level of sophistication of the complex electronic equipment to be put in the AWACS planes. These questions were being discussed at a meeting Wednesday between Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Senate Republican leader Howard

Reagan still feels pain

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP) — President Ronald Reagan, declaring that the attempt on his life "still seems unreal," said Wednesday in his first interview since he was wounded that he continues to suffer pain from his injury. He said he hopes his assailant will "get well, too."

Reagan said he remains optimistic that he will be able to win approval of his budget and tax-cut proposal. He also said he remains opposed to gun control.

The president, wearing a blue-gray suit, walked with a steady although slightly stiff gait as he entered the map room in the White House for a 19-minute interview. His cheeks were ruddy and his voice showed no effect of the lung injury he received. "It still seems unreal," he said when asked about the attack outside the Washington Hilton hotel on March 30. He said he realized there had been shots fired and that his first instinct was "to take a look." But he said a secret service agent "had a different idea."

He described the sensation of being shot as "the most paralyzing pain, as if someone hit me with a hammer." But the president said that sensation did not occur until he was in his limousine speeding away from the shooting scene.

He described his near-panic trying to get air after he was taken to George Washington University Hospital, and said, "the more I tried to breathe," the less air he felt he was getting.

"I almost had the feeling it would diminish to the point I wasn't getting any," Reagan said, adding that "then they shut me up" by inserting a breathing tube in his throat.

Asked how he felt about his assailant, the president said: "The feeling is, indeed I pray, that he can find and answer to his problem. He seems to be a very disturbed young man."

John W. Hinckley Jr., a 25-year-old drifter from Colorado, was arrested outside the hotel and charged with attempting to kill the president. "I hope he'll get well, too," Reagan said of his alleged attacker, adding that Hinckley's family "must be devastated by this." Asked what he would tell the young man's parents, the president said, "I'd tell them I understand and hope for a good outcome there, to their problem."

As the president entered the drawing room a few yards from the elevator he said in response to a quick question: "I'm feeling fine." Then, asked about any continuing soreness, he said doctors have told him that chest injuries produce "one of the longest-enduring discomforts."

"It doesn't go away," he said. "There is that pain." But he said it was diminishing and that he has resumed his daily exercise regimen "at a little slower pace."

"The recovery is astonishing he said, but added that he was not ready "to hurdle any

Shelling halts Beirut airport

BEIRUT, April 22 (AFP) — Beirut International Airport continued to be officially open Wednesday but was in fact practically paralyzed by shelling which had lasted throughout the morning.

Lebanese authorities decided Tuesday night to keep the airport open, and in a statement after a cabinet meeting Wednesday, Prime Minister Shafiq Wazzan said this decision still applied "although the airport is almost unable to function because of falling shells." The statement added: "However, it is indispensable that the airport remains open because it is a vital sector for the country. We hope that those behind the shelling will cease firing because the airport is a vital line for the country."

But no planes arrived or left Wednesday, sources said. Civil aviation employees have warned the public works ministry that it is impossible for them to continue working under current conditions, the source added. The Phalangist radio "Voice of Lebanon" reported that 32 shells fell on the airport during the morning. Some planes are still on the tarmac, including one used to carry Lebanese officials, and others operated by the Lebanese Middle-East Airlines, and helicopters operated by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

The airport was brought to a halt for the first time Monday when shells fell on the runways. The decision to reopen it was taken

Riyal adjusted

JEDDAH, April 22 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) Wednesday adjusted the riyal parity rate to the dollar. The agency advised commercial banks here that its new selling rate dropped from 3.3500 to 3.6000 riyals to the dollar.

(See Financial Roundup on page 11)

U.K. to sound Bonn on arms sales

BONN, April 22 (R) — British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington will discuss the sale of weapons to Saudi Arabia and other Middle East questions with West German leaders during a visit beginning Thursday, officials here said.

Britain committed itself to selling arms to Riyadh during a visit there this week by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. She said it was necessary in the interests of Gulf security. But West Germany Chancellor Helmut Schmidt, who himself is visiting Saudi Arabia Monday, has said he remains undecided on whether to sell tanks to the Kingdom.

Lord Carrington is to have talks with Schmidt in Hamburg before flying to meet Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher in Bonn on the first day of a two-day official

Zahle fighting continues

with some hesitation, and the announcement provoked more shelling. Middle East Airlines then decided to go ahead with all flights to the Gulf and Europe and to suspend arrivals, but Lebanese air space remains open.

Meanwhile, fighting in Beirut intensified with heavy rocket and artillery exchanges Wednesday afternoon and new shelling erupted round the besieged east Lebanese town of Zahle, security sources said. Shells crashed on both sides of the Green Line dividing the city and thick black smoke rose from the port area, local residents said.

Salvoes of rockets were fired from the Syrian-held 32-storey Murr Tower which overlooks the devastated commercial center straddling the line. The rockets trailed flame and smoke as they crashed into the eastern side.

Return fire sent a column of smoke pouring from the strategic Tower Block as heavy mortar and machinegun fire was heard in other parts of the capital, engulfed by some of the worst fighting since the 1975-76 civil war, the residents added.

In Zahle, security sources reported six persons killed in a new flare-up in an eastern suburb of the market town, 50 kms east of Beirut. A spokesman for the right-wing militia said troops from the all-Syrian Arab Deterrent Force (ADF) had used tanks in the operations. The spokesman reported that fighting there was continuing.

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During Riyadh ceremony

Sultan opens Air Force headquarters

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan inaugurated the new Saudi Arabian Air Force headquarters and housing complex at the Riyadh Air Base Wednesday. He also opened the sports complex at the air base.

Prince Sultan was received upon arrival by Osman Al-Humaid, assistant defense and aviation minister; Kamel Sindi, assistant minister for civil aviation; Gen. Muhammad Al-Hammad; Gen. Muhammad Sabri, air force commander; Brig. Abdul Hameed Al-Numan, commander of Riyadh air base; and other military officials.

After cutting the ribbon and revealing the plaque, Prince Sultan started his tour of the base by praying at the mosque. He inspected the lectures hall of the main administrative building and some offices. Later, he dedicated the housing units which is the second phase of the air force personnel housing scheme.

The new building cost SR 71 million and

was constructed under the management and supervision of the Military Projects Department and the U.S. Engineering Corps. It was completed in 47 months. The building comprises offices and accommodates the administrative offices, barracks, a small power plant, a building, public utilities building, a kitchen, a meeting hall, a mosque and covered parking lots.

Meanwhile, the total cost of the air force housing scheme amounts to SR 6.5 billion, of which SR 1.1 billion was allocated for Riyadh air base. The project will ensure housing for 1,552 personnel in five air bases. It comprises 1,552 buildings of four flats each that will accommodate 1,552 families. About 376 families will be housed by the Riyadh air base project.

Brig. Abdul Hameed Al-Numan said in a statement on the occasion that the dedication of the projects is new evidence of the state's concern to the air force personnel. The minister reviewed the base's development since its construction ten years ago.

Algosaiibi outlines industrial growth

DHAHRAN, April 22 (SPA) — The transfer of technology is not theoretically complicated, but its application is difficult. Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Algosaiibi said Tuesday. He was giving a lecture at the University of Petroleum and Minerals here. The theme was "Why Jubail and Yanbu."

Technology can be transferred only when three elements are available, the minister said. There are modern equipment, qualified manpower, and a sound — development climate.

Saudi Arabia has a suitable climate for development, Dr. Gosaiibi said. The country also can buy the equipment it wants and train manpower to operate such equipment. This way it can develop, whether petroleum is produced or not. A trained society does not fear poverty, the minister pointed out.

Dr. Gosaiibi said that for the time being, petroleum has given the Kingdom all the chances for the success of its industrial projects. He also said that the Planning Ministry used a comprehensive perspective in planning Jubail and Yanbu projects.

Urges public flexibility
Majed speaks to policemen

MAKKAH, April 22 (SPA) — Makkah Governor Prince Majed urged traffic policemen to be flexible in dealing with the public. People wounded in traffic accidents must receive top priority, the prince said.

Nothing is dearer than a human life. Therefore in car accidents, the first thing to be done is to rescue those involved in the accident. The procedures come next, Prince Majed said Tuesday. The interior minister and his deputy already gave instructions to this effect and traffic agents have to implement them, he added.

Prince Majed said the Makkah Governorate is sparing no effort to help any government department enforce the rules regarding rising prices. But price control and follow-up committees must work under the supervision of the Commerce Ministry which is the authority concerned in this field, he added.

However, the prince suggested that he will ask the committees to report on their activities and that if any shortcoming is detected, the committees will be dissolved and replaced by new groups to be stricter with offenders.

Meanwhile, a symposium on traffic was held Tuesday evening at Makkah Cultural



Prince Majed Club on the occasion of the traffic week in Saudi Arabia. The main theme was the public response to traffic regulations. The club has prepared a cultural competition about traffic rules and will give a SR2,000 prize to the model driver. A number of senior traffic officers participated in the symposium.

Al-Khobar hospital to begin services

DAMMAM, April 22 (SPA) — Al-Khobar's medical school hospital will be dedicated Saturday and will begin receiving patients next month, King Faisal University's Council of Medical School Hospitals decided Tuesday evening.

The specialist hospital will provide free treatment to all Saudis, state officials and persons referred from approved quarters. The hospital is one of five hospitals set up by the Health Ministry in Al-Khobar, Hofuf, Madina, Jizan and Jeddah as part of the ministry's five-year plan.

General gets promotion

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — Brig. Gen. Ali Abdullah Al Shuhaih was promoted to full general in the National Guard by a royal decree issued here Wednesday. Another decree ordered the appointment of Sheikh Sulaiman Al Turki Al Sudairi as advisor in the Interior Ministry.

Sports contests held

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — A three-day body building contest was opened at the Youth Welfare Winter Hall at Al-Malaz Tuesday afternoon. The contest was organized by the Saudi Arabian Track and Field Federation.

In addition, Al Ferasuya Club held the 24th horse racing event of the season here Monday afternoon at Al Malaz race track. Prizes for the five races totaled SR59,000.

Prayer Times

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Fajr (Dawn)	4.31	4.28	3.59	3.44	4.09	4.36
Dhuhr (Noon)	12.19	12.20	11.51	11.38	12.02	12.32
Asr (Evening)	3.42	3.48	3.20	3.09	3.33	4.06
Maghreb (Sunset)	6.44	6.48	6.20	6.08	6.33	7.05
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Commerce Ministry's establishment decree

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the second and last half of an official Commerce Ministry decree detailing the rules for commercial establishments. The first half was printed on Wednesday, April 22.

Article IX

Registration applications are not accepted if not accompanied by the following:

1. Two copies of the commercial agency or distribution agreement; one to be original and endorsed by concerned parties according to procedures.
2. An official Arabic translation of the agreement and any other document if the original copies are in a foreign language.
3. A copy of the main or branch commercial registration form that allows commercial agency or distribution activities.
4. A written guarantee by the applicant, whether an individual or a company, that his capital is fully Saudi Arabian; and that the person authorized to run and sign on behalf of applicant is a Saudi Arabian national.
5. A certificate from the chamber of commerce that subscription fees are settled.

Article X

Conditions that should be included in a commercial agency or distribution agreement are:

- A. It should be signed with the party granting the agency rights, in its country of origin, or any party that acts on its behalf in that country.
- B. It should state in detail the rights and commitments of both sides to each other on one side, and their commitments to the consumer for maintenance and spare parts on the other hand.

Article XI

The agency or distribution agreement should have:

1. Title of both sides and their nationalities.
 2. The subject of the agency, the region where it applies and the activities, services and goods it includes.
 3. The validity period of the agency and means of renewal.
 4. Conditions of terminating the agency agreement or its expiration.
- Other conditions that do not contradict with the rules in the Kingdom could be included in the agreement.

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Article XII
After making certain that the conditions for registration are fulfilled from both the formal and material aspects, the registration is approved by the deputy minister or the person who acts on his behalf. The papers are then submitted for registration formalities in the commercial agencies and distributors' register once the registration fees are settled. The register has serial numbers, hence every page has an independent number. This number is the registration number given to the agent or distributor providing an independent number in a separate page which is different from the preceding number, even if registration numbers for a single agent or distributor are numerous.

Each entry contains a detailed description of the said registration of the commercial agency or distributor. The agent or distributor is given a certificate for every registration.

Article XIII

The commercial agent or distributor should check, in one month's time from the issuance of the certificate, with the concerned commercial registration office according to the agency agreement's region to be marked on his commercial registration number. If the agency covers all regions of the Kingdom, the marking should be made on the main commercial registration of the agent or distributor.

Article XIV

If any adjustments are made on the previous statements entered on the commercial agencies and distributors' register, the concerned party must demand within one month from the date the adjustments are made, to be included in the entry after explaining the reasons for the changes.

The adjustments are entered in the commercial agencies and distributors' register by marking on the adjusted item by endorsing the change or the addition if the change is only an addition. The adjustment also should be indicated in the commercial registration as well as the registration certificate.

Article XV

Registration fees for every agreement on the agencies register should be according to Royal Decree number M/8 of 20/3/1393 (1973) SR500 whether an individual or a company.

SECTION THREE: Suspension of the registration

Article XVI

In accordance to the rules of the commercial registration in regard to suspension, the registration of a commercial agency or distributor is suspended in the following conditions:

1. If the merchant whether an individual or a company abandons commercial work.
2. If the commercial agency agreement expires without specifying or extending its validity.
3. If the commercial agency or distributor fails to fulfill one of the basic conditions of the commercial agencies regulations and its adjustments.

The suspension is made by placing two dashed red lines across commercial agencies and distributors register entry, and explaining the reasons for the suspension in a special place for the purpose.

Article XVII

The registration is suspended administratively if the concerned parties do not request the suspension in one month's time after proving the event that necessitates the suspension and hearing the statement of the concerned party. The concerned party is notified of the suspension by registered mail.

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Article XVIII

The concerned party has the right to seek redress from the commerce minister about the administrative suspension decision in one month's period from the notification and explaining causes. The minister's decision in this regard will be final.

SECTION FOUR: Offense and Sanctions

Article XIX

The commerce minister will deputize experts to prove the offense related to the commercial agencies regulations and this rules. The deputized officials have the power to act as legal police and can enter commercial places to search, investigate and issue reports on catching offenses, and hear statements of the concerned parties, look into documents and other necessary actions for investigations.

Article XX

Without breaching the rules of the commercial registration regulations or any other law viable in the Kingdom, fines must not be less than SR5,000 or exceed SR50,000 for any person who breaks the commercial agencies regulations and its adjustments and stands. The verdict should be published in one of the local newspapers at the offender's expense. This, without contradicting with the rights of the party harmed by the offense in seeking compensation.

If the offense is attributed to a foreigner or a Saudi Arabian company with the participation of one or more non-Saudi Arabians, the sanctions would be in addition to fines, administrative liquidation of activities with the possibility of permanent or limited ban from exercising commerce. The Interior Minister has the right to order the extradition of the foreigner from the Kingdom based on the verdict and the commerce ministry should inform the minister about the foreigner or the non-Saudi Arabian partner.

Article XXI

A commission is formed from the Commerce Ministry on the instructions of the commerce minister comprising at least three

BRIEFS

Riyadh water board meets

RIYADH, April 22 (SPA) — The board of Riyadh Water and Sewage Department met Tuesday evening under its chairman Prince Salman, the governor of Riyadh. The meeting was also attended by Riyadh Deputy Governor Prince Sattam, the board's vice chairman. Problems connected to the implementation of sewage projects were discussed and solutions were proposed during the meeting.

Teachers' exhibition opened

HAIL, April 22 (SPA) — Hail Governor Prince Miqrn ibn Abdul Aziz Tuesday opened a social exhibition organized by Hail's teachers training college. The exhibition covers paintings, handicrafts works and other social activities depicting the area's social heritage.

COMMENT

By Abu Sultan

Okaz

Before discussing the methods that should be adopted to develop radio and television programs for children, I should like to note that they accept anything in the absence of what they really need to see in their programs. Sometimes they even repeat the songs of elderly people, for they don't find songs especially composed for them.

In other countries, exhaustive research is carried out to study the influence of programs on children from educational, cultural, recreational and technical aspects. Regrettably, we have so far taken only a flat view of such programs, while we ought to have considered the matter seriously for the development of children's programs. Our backward opinion is very much reflected in our traditional approach, for still we notice that if someone intends to ridicule another person he calls him a "child."

This view of the child must be given up, and serious thought ought to be developed

since the child is the young man of tomorrow and upon him will rest the progress and prosperity of the country. If we act upon this principle, the result will be nothing but a serious concentration on the child's upbringing on sound bases.

I think the matter deserves serious consideration by officials in the Ministry of Information as well as the Society of Arts and Culture. They should consider the possibility of attracting eminent writers and cartoonists and also of introducing some incentives and rewards for the writers of children's books. At the same time, we also wish to see a special decor for children's programs, instead of the rigid pattern that we normally watch on the television.

But the present program cannot undergo any change unless a sufficient budget is allocated for this purpose, and we observe consistency in the children's time for dinner, study and sleep. Only in this way, can sound planning be made for the children's programs.

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Between Libya, Mauritania

Qaddafi, Haidalla hold talks on unity

NOUAKCHOTT, April 22 (Agencies) — Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi has said he had discussed with Mauritanian leaders during a two-day visit his proposal for the eventual unity of Mauritania and Western Sahara. Col. Qaddafi left Nouakchott Tuesday after the official visit. He said he also discussed the possible unity of Libya and Mauritania and between Libya and Algeria. "The union envisaged between Mauritania and the Saharan Arab Democratic Republic could come about as soon as the objective conditions are right... we are agreed in principle on these points," he said.

The Saharan Arab Democratic Republic is the name given to Western Sahara by the Algerian-backed Polisario Front which is fighting Morocco for control of the territory. Spain handed its former territory to Morocco and Mauritania in 1975 but Mauritania later

Bhutto's follower lashed in public

KARACHI, April 22 (AP) — A summary military court in Sind province said Tuesday it has sentenced Kifayat Ali, a prominent dissident, to a nine-month imprisonment with hard labor and five lashes in public on charges of anti-government activity.

It was not known immediately if Kifayat Ali would appeal to a higher military tribunal. The court in Sukkur city, about 320 kilometers northwest of Karachi, announced that the accused, a prominent member of the executed Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto's People Party, was found guilty of instigating a strike among the city's shopkeepers Jan. 5, Bhutto's 53rd birthday, and other dissident activity.

It will be the first time in about two years in Pakistan that whipping is carried out in public. Lashes in public were suspended in 1979 and convicted prisoners have been lashed inside jail. No explanation was given on the change of policy.

withdrew after reaching a peace agreement with the Polisario.

Mauritania has accused Morocco of being behind last month's attempt by dissident officers to overthrow the government. Morocco has denied this. Mauritanian government spokesman refused to comment on Qaddafi's talks.

He has previously sought mergers with Egypt and Tunisia, and in January he aroused French anger by proposing a merger between his country and the former French colony of Chad.

Mauritanians lined the streets of their capital and waved Libyan flags to welcome Qaddafi. Libya's Jana News Agency reported in Tripoli Tuesday. The Mauritanian press praised Libya for providing help in opposing Morocco, the Libyan agency said. Qaddafi visited Mauritania on a trip aimed at building a radical Arab Front throughout the region. He attacked "racial discrimination practiced by Zionism and South Africa."

Qaddafi also said that Libya "must seriously reconsider" selling oil to the United States, which he called a "true enemy." Qaddafi has often made similar threats in the past without carrying them out, however. He told a press conference of American and other foreign correspondents last month that Libya didn't have any plans to use the "oil weapon" in the near future.

Libya is America's number-three oil supplier behind Saudi Arabia and Algeria; The United States is Libya's top oil customer, buying 40 per cent of its output of 1.7 million barrels a day. Mauritania is a state of Muhammad Ould Haidalla and Premier Ahmed Wild Bijara greeted Qaddafi at the Nouakchott airport, Jana added.

"The Mauritanian newspapers underlined the courageous positions taken by the Libyan people against the plots orchestrated by the Morocco against the sovereignty of the Mauritanian people", the Libyan agency said.



QADDAFI-BENJEDID TALKS: Libyan leader Muammar Qaddafi, left, confers with Chadli Benjedid of Algeria in Algiers during the just-concluded visit.

On opening PLO office

Klibi holds talks in Lisbon

LISBON, April 22 (R) — The secretary-general of the Arab League, Chedli Klibi, met Portuguese President Antonio Ramalho Eanes and lunched with Prime Minister Francisco Pinto Balsemao Tuesday, the second day of his official visit to Portugal.

Official sources said the opening of a Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) office in Lisbon was one of the main subjects Klibi discussed during his visit. PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat visited Portugal in 1979 and

was received by President Eanes. Earlier Tuesday, Klibi told Portuguese businessmen that Portugal could make a precious contribution to the economic development of the Arab world and that Arab investment capital could be attracted to Portugal. But he said the possibility of Arab cooperation with other countries, particularly southern European states like Portugal, depended on the situation in the Middle East developing in a way favorable to Palestinian interests.

India opposes arms for Pakistan

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22 (AP) — U.S. military aid to Pakistan will have a "destabilizing" effect on India's relations with Pakistan, India's top diplomat to the U.S. said.

K.R. Narayanan, India's ambassador to the United States, also said Tuesday news reports that India plans to use U.S.-purchased uranium for production of nuclear weapons were incorrect. "Very large-scale introduction of sophisticated weapons will come in the way of Indian-Pakistani relationship," which has been steadily improving, Narayanan said in an interview before a luncheon speech to the World Affairs Council here.

The recent announcement of an agreement to send U.S. aid to Pakistan was "the major issue" of discussions last week between U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig and Eric Gonsalves, India's foreign secretary, Narayanan said. The ambassador said India is not opposed to all aid to Pakistan, "a very poor country," but the sending of elaborate weaponry could cause "repercussions." "It could have a destabilizing effect in

Pakistan, India and in the region," Narayanan said. U.S. officials have said they don't believe a military relationship with Pakistan would contribute to heightening tensions in the region.

Narayanan branded as "not correct" recent news reports that India plans to use U.S.-purchased uranium for production of nuclear weapons rather than as fuel for a domestic power plant. Last week, India's nuclear energy department gave a report to its parliament which said the U.S. nuclear fuel would be reprocessed into plutonium to use as reactor fuel and for the development of nuclear weapons. Under a 1963 agreement, the United States sells India uranium to power its Tarapur nuclear plant.

Narayanan said only nuclear wastes, and not the purchased fuel, would be involved in any weaponry production. The rest of the report to parliament concerned other nuclear plants in India that are not covered by the agreement with the United States, he said. "As far as I'm concerned we're happy with the (1963) agreement — We'd like to comply with all the provisions," he said.

Greece studies Turkey's protest on Armenians

ATHENS, April 22 (Agencies) — The Greek foreign ministry announced late Tuesday that it was studying a protest delivered by Turkey earlier in the day regarding demonstrations by Armenian organizations in Athens in recent days.

The announcement said that a reply would be made to Ankara through diplomatic channels. The Turkish protest followed demonstrations by Armenians in Greece marking what was observed as the 66th anniversary of

the "Armenian genocide." An estimated 1.5 million Armenians were killed in Turkey in the early 1900s. The anniversary is marked annually by Armenians all over the world gathering and wreath-laying ceremonies.

Premier George Rallis met with the foreign minister and other top officials to discuss the Turkish protest, informed sources said. The protest was delivered simultaneously to the Greek ambassador to Ankara and the foreign ministry in Athens.

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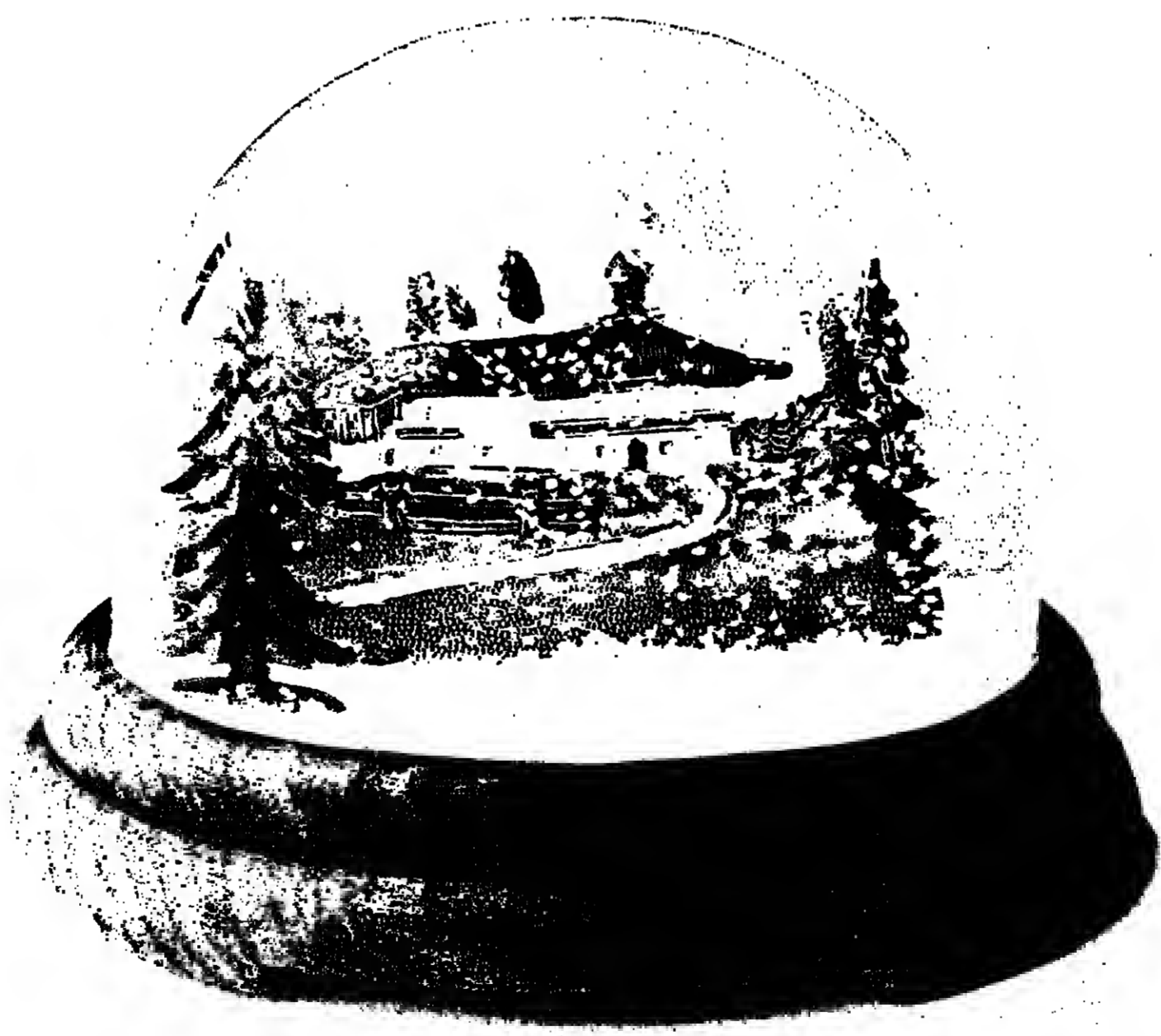
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Bomb explodes near Khomeini's house

TEHRAN, April 22 (Agencies) — A powerful bomb ripped through a street near the north Tehran residence of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini Wednesday, killing at least one person and injuring five others, police and hospital sources said. Eyewitnesses at the scene of the blast, which was also close to the former Shah's palace of Neyairan, said six persons were killed and many wounded, though this could not be immediately confirmed.

One witness said the bomb, planted in a minibus, "was so strong I thought it was an

Obote visits Sudan

KHARTOUM, April 22 (AFP) — Ugandan President Milton Obote flew in here Tuesday for talks with Sudanese President Jaafar Numeiri.

In an airport statement to the Sudanese news agency Suna, Obote said he was in Khartoum to "exchange views with the Sudanese president on matters of cooperation for the development of our two countries and for the development of our region."

An estimated 83,000 Ugandan refugees now live in Sudan.

earthquake." The blast shattered windows in the former palace, now a museum, and destroyed several cars in the area, he said.

Khomeini's residence at Jamara is about 1.5 kms from the former palace.

A spokesman for a local revolutionary committee confirmed the blast had caused injuries and said the incident was being investigated. There have been a series of explosions in Tehran in the past year. The most recent, March 22, damaged parts of the headquarters of Iran's revolutionary committees. The explosions have killed at least 15 persons and wounded more than 100 but there have been no arrests.

Meanwhile, Khomeini has blamed "corrupted elements" for "some conflicts in the armed forces," the Yugoslav News Agency Tanjug reported from Tehran Tuesday. The agency said Khomeini made the statements to a group of Iranian pilots led by Defense Minister Jawad Fakury, who is also commander of Iran's air force.

Denouncing what he called "corrupted elements," Khomeini said "Do not listen to them since they are exponents of superpowers," according to the report.

Boat sinks in the Nile, 14 drowned

CAIRO, April 22 (Agencies) — Thirteen persons, including six foreign tourists, were killed when the boat on which they were traveling capsized on the Nile Tuesday night, the Middle East News Agency reported Wednesday. Another vessel rescued 70 passengers, including 12 injured who were rushed to hospital.

The boat, *The Bardes*, was driven onto a rocky shore during a storm and immediately sank, the agency said. The accident occurred near Edfon, 800 kms south of Cairo and about 100 kms north of Aswan. San storms and heavy rains disrupted air and land traffic in upper Egypt Tuesday, the agency said.

The deputy chief of Egypt's tourism police, Gen. Sayed Moutwali, said that two West Germans, two Americans and an Italian were among the dead. He set the total death toll at 14 — eight Egyptians and six foreigners.

Algeria, UAE hold talks on judiciary

ABU DHABI, April 22 (WAM) — United Arab Emirates and Algeria Wednesday held official talks on judiciary cooperation between them. Muhammad Abdul Rahman Al Bakr, the UAE minister of justice, Islamic affairs and Awqaf, represented the UAE at the meeting while Algerian Minister of Justice Boulam Bagui represented his country.

The meeting discussed subjects pertaining to the UAE-Algerian judiciary cooperation agreement articles due to be signed later. Under the agreement, the two countries will co-ordinate and cooperate between them in the law, judiciary and legal representation. They will also exchange copyrights between them.



IN SHAMBLES: The wreckage of an apartment building in the besieged city of Zahle in which 32 residents were buried. Zahle was the main target during the recent fighting in Lebanon.

Floods hit central area of Somalia

MOGADISHU, April 22 (AP) — Flood waters in Somalia's central Hiran province have not risen significantly in the last two days but the situation could worsen, members of a United Nations team back from a one-day emergency trip to the area have told journalists.

"The water level appears to have remained relatively stable for the past 48 hours but any significant increase could cause trouble," Tom Barnes, deputy representative for the United Nations High Commission for Refugees explained. He said that although Cocancy and Crush refugee camps were isolated by the flooding and partly under water, they were now receiving food by boat, according to Barnes. The two camps now hold no more than 5,000 refugees.

He said that the three other camps in the area could be evacuated without difficulty if the water level rose. Barnes said the provincial capital of Belet Uen was partly under water, and the water level at the bridge in town was 5.79 meters, only .21 meters below evacuation level.

From the air, Barnes said he could see a number of villages in the area were under water and had been evacuated.

Hoax delays PIA flights

KARACHI, April 22 (AFP) — Hoax callers caused several hours delays in four flights of Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) Tuesday by telephoning hijack threats to the authorities, a airlines sources said. The security staff off-loaded all the passengers of a Karachi-Dubai flight and subjected them to thorough physical search, but found nothing. The flight was delayed for three hours.

Three PIA domestic flights were also delayed because of the Hoax calls.

Egypt to seek more U.S. arms

CAIRO, April 22 (Agencies) — Egyptian Defense Minister Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala left for Washington Tuesday to urge the Reagan administration to step up arms supplies to Cairo.

Defense ministry officials said Egypt was particularly interested in obtaining the American EC2 Hawkeye surveillance aircraft and radar defense equipment. Gen. Ghazala would also discuss training for Egyptian

pilots on U.S. F-16 jets, they said.

President Anwar Sadat disclosed last week that he hoped to obtain Hawkeye aircraft. "I do not want us to sit here blind, just like sitting ducks, he told visiting American senators. The U.S. is Cairo's main weapons supplier and is committed to provide Egypt with more than \$3 billion in military aid. Deliveries so far have included F-4 Phantoms and M-60 tanks.

BRIEFS

CAIRO, (AP) — President Anwar Sadat has received a message from Sudanese president Jaffar Numeiri on bilateral, regional and world issues of common interest, the daily *Al-Akram* reported Wednesday.

ISTANBUL, (R) — An Istanbul military court has sentenced the former managing editor of a banned leftist weekly to 19 years in jail on charges of supporting communism,

making separatist propaganda and lowering the prestige of Turkey's armed forces, it was stated here Tuesday.

KARACHI, (AFP) — A large dump of foreign-made weapons including automatic rifles, sten guns, grenades and pistols has been seized by police in Karachi, *The Star* reported Tuesday. A number of arrests have been made in this connection.

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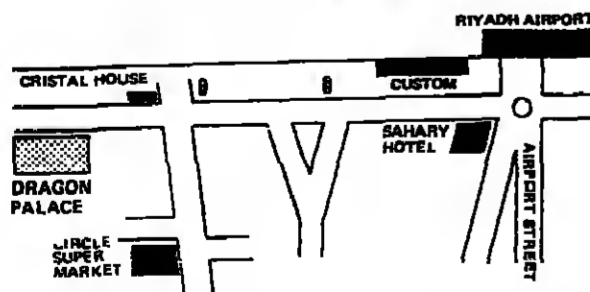
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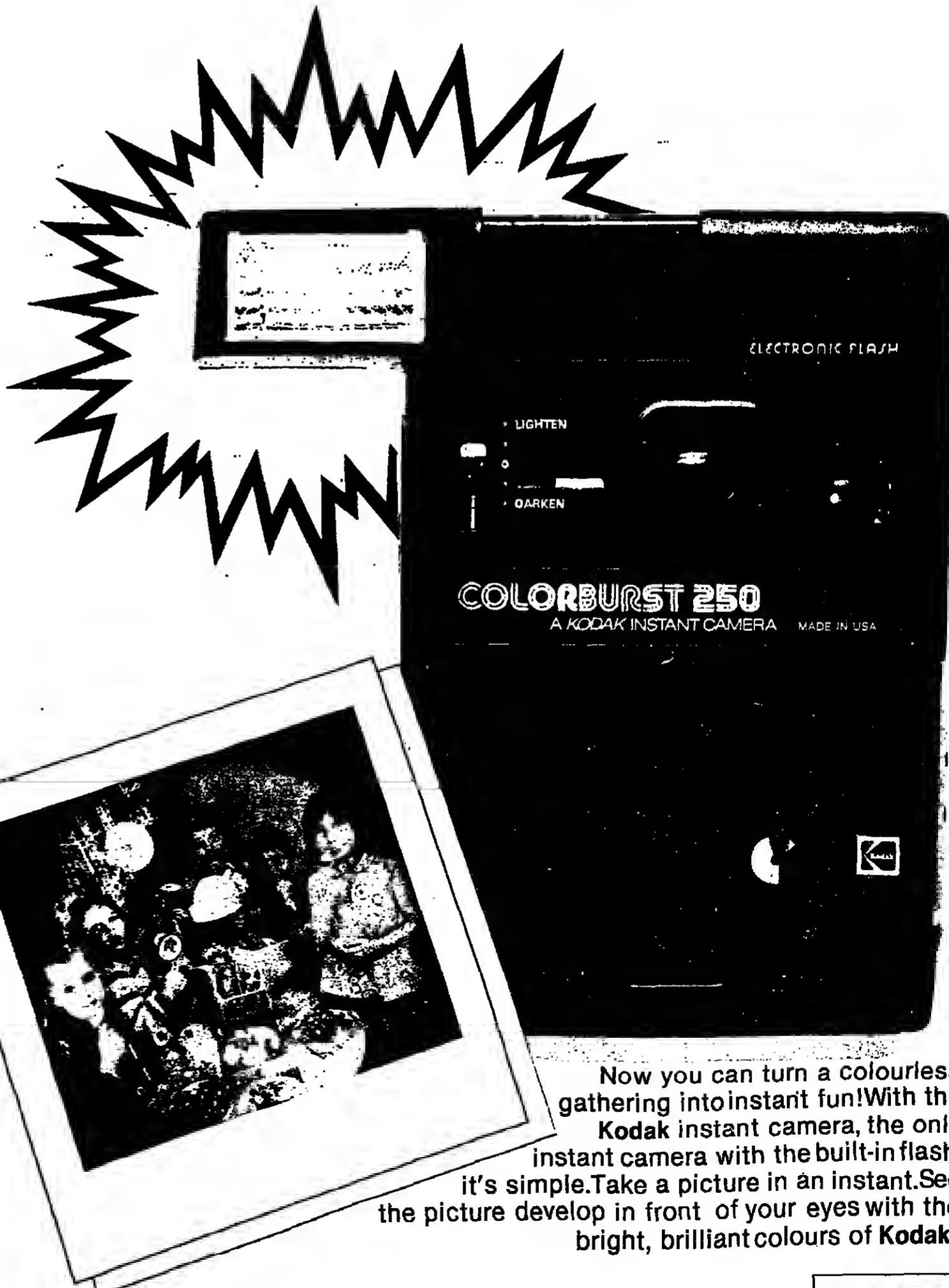


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A PRACTICAL MOVE

The green light given by the Reagan administration to a package of advanced weapons system to this country has proved to be a practical commitment, and showed the U.S. deep concern over the security of the region in which Saudi Arabia is a principal constituent. President Reagan has thus turned over a new leaf in American relations with friendly states who need to bolster their defenses for the security and stability of such a vital region.

The action fits in well with Saudi Arabia's policy which advocates boosting defense capabilities of the states of the region themselves rather than stationing foreign troops which could trigger an arms race with the Soviet Union.

Given Saudi Arabia's continental size one can appreciate the need for such radar system to keep the army commanders informed of possible incursions.

Although the package has still to be submitted to the Congress for final approval, Israel and its Zionist lobbies in the U.S. are already hitting the roof over the deal, overlooking the fact that Israel has more sophisticated weaponry in larger quantities and in full scale operation. They also ignore the fact of the Kingdom's enormous importance to the security and interest of the world and the U.S. itself, and forget that while Israel gets what it wants almost free of charge, Saudi Arabia pays for everything in hard cash before delivery commences. They pretend to have no idea about the defense requirements of a country of this size nor the constructive role it is playing to maintain the well-being of the world's economic order.

Senator Edward Kennedy has pledged to "hock this dangerous action," because he is worried that the package deal might one day be used to help the Arabs liberate their lands from Israeli occupation. That seems to be the only concern at the moment. He does not care to remember Saudi Arabia's favors to his own country and to the world as a whole. It does not matter to him that Saudi Arabian moderation in oil pricing and generosity in production have been the only deterrent against the \$50 per barrel price. He could not care less that this Saudi Arabian policy is saving the world, including his own country, hundreds of millions of dollars a day mainly because of Saudi Arabian wisdom and solicitude.

Unlike the wavering Carter, Reagan has displayed a greater appreciation of the need for a credible American foreign policy that is based on certain realities rather than a total and unstinted commitment to Israel. He has thus voiced the view expressed by a U.S. senator when the F-15s deal was first announced four years ago that "not all our interests go via Israel." In fact, if anything, Israel has proved to be America's heaviest and most embarrassing liability.



French elections won't yield major policy changes

PARIS — France is expected to emerge from its presidential election, after initial voting next Sunday and a runoff on May 10, with its foreign policy options little changed. Only Communist leader Georges Marchais, out of the four main candidates, is proposing massive policy changes in his campaign, and he is given no chance of winning.

There is a certain consensus, with modifications, among the other three of the "big four" — outgoing President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Gaullist leader Jacques Chirac and Socialist leader Francois Mitterrand. These are the seven major foreign policy themes:

1. East-West relations and Afghanistan: Giscard d'Estaing has been bitterly criticized by both Gaullists and Socialists for his controversial meeting in Warsaw last year with Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev and Polish leader Edward Gierak to discuss Afghanistan.
2. Poland: Giscard's policy is to continue France's diplomatic initiative to help Poland rebuild its shattered economy, and to support a peaceful solution "without foreign intervention or internal violence."
3. The European Economic Community (EEC): Giscard wants to stop "Europe taking a second place in world affairs" and admits that the 10-nation EEC "is having difficulties."
4. The Middle East: All four candidates agree that a solution to the Middle East problem must include a guarantee of Israel's right to exist, as well as accepting the right of Palestinians to have their own country. But Marchais is the only one actually to urge an independent Palestine state.

Mitterrand, on the contrary, wants a more united EEC, with the continued aim of "democratized" institutions.

For Marchais the EEC is "the Europe of big trusts," and France must refuse extension of European parliamentary authority. Marchais opposes plans made outside France to dismantle its industry, particularly steel. He is also totally opposed to granting EEC membership to Spain and Portugal, and so is Chirac for different reasons while supporting Spanish association with political cooperation within the EEC. Spanish and Portuguese membership is generally supported by the president and Mitterrand.

Chirac describes the EEC as "the sick man of the 80's." He wants to revise the Treaty of Rome which founded the EEC and eliminate all ideas of supranationality.

Chirac has replied bluntly that France has to say no to the process of Soviet initiatives, whether in Europe, Asia, the Far East or Afghanistan.

Mitterrand has attacked the Soviet Union for threatening peace, while Marchais has backed Moscow's invasion of Afghanistan and described the Communist bloc as a "globally positive" peace factor.

All four main candidates support France's current position in the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO).

Chirac favors a "grand alliance for development" between industrial and oil-producing and Third World countries, in a kind of "marshall plan." Mitterrand does not reject the "marshall plan" theme, and wants to double France's current rate of aid to developing countries.

Marchais wants universal negotiations to open this year under U.N. auspices, and backs a nonaligned proposal for a world development fund.

Chirac and both main left-wing candidates have severely criticized Giscard's Africa policy. Chirac has spoken of "serious errors" in Chad, a former French African colony, and claimed that France has "seriously lessened" its bilateral cooperation with African countries.

Chirac charges worsening economic conditions in several French-speaking African countries, and French failure in supporting the prices of primary crops like cocoa.

Mitterrand says the aim of "defense agreements" with African states is to protect them against external threats, and not maintain existing regimes at any cost.

Marchais wants France to stop "acting like a gendarme in Africa."

For Giscard, France's policy is "Africa for the Africans", with France prepared to guarantee the participation of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) in Middle East negotiations, while Mitterrand has opted for a dialogue between concerned parties. He is the only one of the four to give unconditional support for the Camp David peace agreement.

Defense Agency officials, though not likely to side with the Left on the subject of defense, have indicated that a thorough investigation of the submarine is needed before they can be convinced that it suffered no serious damage. (ONS)

Reports from Washington say U.S. Polaris boats are under orders not to undertake rescue operations themselves in such an emergency. The Japanese are universally skeptical of American claims of poor visibility. Their skepticism has been reinforced by the fact that the U.S. delayed for 36 hours before revealing details of the disaster — and then let out some facts only after the Japanese Defense Agency had released the first version.

Chirac has called for an international conference on Namibia, and suggested that "we must help South Africa evolve, for it is not a colony but an independent state in Africa," in order to prevent the region becoming "the battleground of East-West rivalry."

Mitterrand has called for a total halt in French state and private capital investment in South Africa, a cutback of imports, and an immediate end to purchase of uranium mined in Namibia. He has urged giving economic and technical aid to the black-ruled "front-line states" in Southern Africa, so that "the Soviet Union is not left alone to assist liberation movements."

Marchais has persistently denounced "South Africa's racial and aggressive policies", and urged independence for Namibia.

Mitterrand supports the right to self-determination for the once-autonomous Ethiopian province of Eritrea, and — like Marchais — for Western Sahara.

Chirac, Mitterrand and Marchais have all said is not granting enough financial aid in defending the French language and culture in the world.

Mitterrand said: "France does nothing, its book exports slacken and the French language is no longer spoken so widely as before."

Chirac charged: "French cultural agencies abroad do not get enough financial aid to work successfully."

But these criticisms are rejected by Giscard, who says the foreign ministry budget to promote French culture is one of the largest of any industrial nation for such a subject. (AFP)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Wednesday mostly led with a statement issued by Saudi Arabia's Foreign Ministry at the conclusion of a three-day official visit by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher to the Kingdom. They also highlighted Crown Prince Fahd's reaffirmation to the British premier that there would be no security and stability in the region without a just solution to the Middle East issue and Israel's withdrawal from occupied Arab lands. Meanwhile, some papers gave lead prominence to the U.S. administration's approval of the sale of AWACS aircraft and accessories for the F-15 war planes to Saudi Arabia.

Newspapers frontpaged Mrs. Thatcher's meetings with Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and head of the National Guard; Prince Sultan, minister of defense and aviation and Prince Naif, minister of the interior, Tuesday. She was reported to have discussed existing cooperation in different fields. The Reagan administration's consent on the arms deal with the Kingdom was another prominent page one story in the newspapers which also highlighted the British premier's press conference in Riyadh. She reportedly said that Britain was ready to supply tanks and aircraft to Saudi Arabia and that the rapid deployment force would not be imposed on the region.

The escalating tension in Lebanon's as a result of Israel's repeated air and land assaults was carried as a page one story in some newspapers, which also reported Washington's initial agreement with Islamabad to give \$2.5 billion worth of economic

and military aid to Pakistan over a period of five years. On the other hand, *Okaz* carried as a prominent page one story Venezuela's official announcement of its support for Saudi Arabia on the unified oil prices for the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Commenting editorially on the Reagan administration's agreement on the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia, *Al Madina* said the U.S. decision perhaps clarifies that the American government is prepared to confront the Zionist challenge and to tell the Zionist lobby that America's national interests occupy the foremost significance in the country's foreign policy. The paper also noted that Washington seems to be convinced now that the defense of the Gulf region must be carried out by its own people. However, it is yet to be determined whether this is the U.S. administration's first step toward a just policy on the Middle East or another maneuver to lay the final responsibility on the Congress and its Zionist elements, the paper said.

Al-Jazirah observed in an editorial that the issues of the Middle East, the Gulf security and the liberation of Afghanistan cannot be isolated from the issue of Saudi Arabian-British cooperation. The paper endorsed Mrs. Thatcher's conviction that America's cooperation is essential in any process in the Middle East, and hoped that the U.S. would observe total neutrality if it cannot support right and justice in the Arab-Israeli conflict. As a strong ally of the U.S., Britain can play an effective role in causing a shift in the U.S. policy toward the Middle

East, the paper believed.

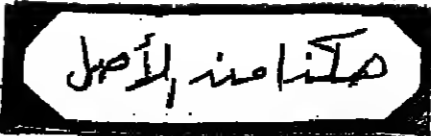
Concentrating on Saudi-British relations, *Al-Bilad* observed that successful talks between the two countries have given a new dimension to Euro-Arab relations. The new dimensions of bilateral ties would crystallize Europe's stance on the issues of this region, the paper said, adding that Mrs. Thatcher's emphasis on the legitimate rights of the people of Palestine is a reaction to Britain's conviction on the great significance of this issue.

In an editorial, *Al Madina* referred to the British premier's press conference in Riyadh, in which she confirmed Britain's readiness to supply tanks and aircraft to Saudi Arabia. The paper then made a reference to West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt's interview to some Saudi Arabian journalists, and said that both leaders confirmed that their countries decide on the sale of arms to Saudi Arabia giving major concern to the national interests. Describing this trend as a triumph of Saudi Arabian diplomacy, the paper observed that a new era would dawn on the world when major European countries, like Britain and West Germany, begin to adopt stances on Saudi Arabia's security requirements without being influenced by the Zionist propaganda.

Discussing Saudi Arabia's diplomatic moves, *Okaz* said in an editorial that the Kingdom's diplomatic activity aims at the restoration of the usurped rights of the Arabs, cooperation with the industrialized world and the safeguard of national



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Arab News Diary

By Staff Writers
JEDDAH
 THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS held a dinner last Tuesday in honor of the outgoing Ambassador of Argentina to the Kingdom, *Juan Manuel Figueroa* who is returning to Buenos Aires upon completion of his tour of duty here. The dinner was attended by Saudi officials and members of the diplomatic corps. **AMBASSADOR OF DENMARK AND MRS. FRANK B. HOWITZ** held a reception last Wednesday at their residence on the occasion of the birthday of Queen Margrethe of Denmark. The function was attended by a large number of local officials and dignitaries, diplomats and members of the Danish community. The weather was good, encouraging the guests to mingle outdoors by the poolside, and the food delicious to whet appetites. It was also a chance for the guests to meet Mrs. Howitz's mother and two cousins who are visiting Jeddah these days. The hostess was personally attending to the invitees. Both she, with her pleasant and cheerful personality, and the residence which is tastefully decorated in a mixture of East and West made a big impression. It was a very pleasant evening.

THE COSMETICS and costume show organized under the aegis of the **AL KHAIYIAH WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY** at the **SHERATON** last Wednesday was a tremendous success. Avon products, children's fashions, and twenty four morning and evening gowns by Paola Davitti were the highlights of the evening. According to *Gabriella Mulholland Davitti*, the collection was specially designed and created for Saudi Arabia. Flowery prints in shades of turquoise were predominant in both the formal and informal wear.

THE FIRST Secretary of the *Japanese embassy and natsuna* gave a reception at their residence on April 18 to say farewell to their many friends and well-wishers. The *Natsunes* are returning to Tokyo after a two year assignment in the Kingdom.

FIKRET BEREKET, the former Turkish Ambassador, is nicely settling down in Jeddah as the general consultant to *ENKA* Saudi Arabia, a Saudi-Turkish joint venture. While he is busy acclimating himself to the private sector after a long and illustrious career in the foreign service, Mrs. Bereket is looking after the decorating and furnishing of their new residence.

THE JEDDAH REEF RUNNERS inaugural run will take place on April 23 at 5.00 p.m. under the auspices of H.H. Harriers. All are welcome to participate. For details contact Peter Marking at tel. No. 6675457 or Martin Wintle at tel. No. 6820030 ext. 3109.

THOSE INTERESTED in participating in the new **JEDDAH COMMUNITY CONCERT BAND** are welcome to attend a rehearsal in Room 8 at the PCS between 7.30 and 9.30 p.m. on April 25. For further information call tel. No. 6820030

ext. 3327 in the evenings.
BRITISH COMMUNITY WIVES COFFEE will be held on Monday, May 4, at 10.30 a.m. at the garden of the Ambassador's residence. Children are welcome.
INDONESIAN EMBASSY BAZAAR will be held on May 6 commencing from 5.00 p.m. in the Embassy premises. Indonesian handicrafts including Batik will be on sale. Samplings of Indonesian cuisine will also be available.

REPRESENTATIVES from American Medical International, accompanied by *British Airways* own Passenger Medical Officer, will be making a presentation at 9 p.m. Saturday, April 25, at the Al Badr Jeddah Sberaton. The presentation will be in connection with *British Airways Clinicair* Medical facility.

FINLAND'S ambassador and Mrs. *Kai Helenius* held a reception on April 12th at their residence for local dignitaries. The affair proved to be a pleasing experience.

THE VIKINGS Won't be there in person, but *Scandinavian Week* at the Hyatt Regency in Jeddah will include a Lego toys demonstration, a Smergasbord, fish, dairy and agricultural specialties. The week is sponsored by the Swedish, Danish and Norwegian embassies in conjunction with the Scandinavian Airline System which has flown a chef in especially for the occasion. The event will take place from April 14-24.

RIYADH
ANNUAL CAMEL RACE: The annual camel race, held at Jahadryn, was a tough competition with about 2,750 people from the Arabian peninsula and Sudan participating. The race was highly appreciated and the crowds thoroughly enjoyed it.

RIYADH PALACE HOTEL: A luncheon was held here on Monday in honor of the visiting British Prime Minister **MARGARET THATCHER**, organized by the British businessmen. It was well attended with about 160 people, including wives present. The lunch was a three-course meal featuring Yorkshire pudding. The prime minister later addressed the gathering on Saudi-British economic relationships.

AL WAFIA WOMEN'S WELFARE SOCIETY: The Society held a gala Saudi cultural evening at the *Intercontinental Hotel* last Tuesday and Wednesday, under the patronage of **NAJAT AL NADIR** the society. Members of the Society re-enacted wedding ceremonies from different parts of the Kingdom. Regal from Makkah, Doseri from Riyadh, Dhahran, Abha, and Medina were also enacted. The traditional costumes were beautiful. Saudi Arabian traditional food such as Garesh, Gursan with lamb, seleg with chicken, and many more items were served. It was all done with a great sense of tradition and history. The society will be having another

cultural evening next Wednesday in the conference hall at the *Murabba Palace*. Members of the society will be enacting traditional dances and music from the Middle East.

INTERNATIONAL JEWELRY EXHIBITION: The show held at the Riyadh Chamber of Commerce and Industry last week, was a resounding success. On display were the creations of some of the most well-known and prestigious American companies. The beautiful and valuable jewels were selected with care and taste, ranging from necklaces, rings, pendants, complete sets, bracelets, cufflinks, earrings, pins, brooches, precious stones, and colored stones, to watches and lighters. **JACQUES H. ADLER**, chairman of the famed House of Adler, was there in person moving around with great ease, helping people with their purchases, and answering questions with a grace that came naturally contributing much to the success of the exhibition.

CITY REFLECTIONS: This exhibition of photographs by British photographer *Brain Wigginton* is at the *Murabba Palace*. The exhibition features photographs with unusual perspectives of cities in England. The show which will last till April 27, is open to the public between 9 a.m. to 12 noon and then from 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday is reserved for women.

CHEERS FOR THE RIYADH road runners as they start their fun run marathon at 7 a.m. on Friday, consisting of five kilometers and 10 kms.

EASTERN PROVINCE
THE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN'S ASSOCIATION had its monthly meeting Monday at the *Ramada Hotel*, Dhahran. After lunch, the businessmen heard *Jack Turner*, vice president of M.M. Sundt International, speak on the migration of people as this relates to the labor force in the Kingdom. Turner was well-qualified to address the subject as he is vice-president for personnel for the Middle East, S.E. Asia, and Latin America. In his analysis he discussed the attitudes of countries exporting labor as well as the two Saudi Arabian 5-year plans.

WINNERS OF LAST MONTH'S Foco Bank Swiss week money-guessing contest at *Al-Gosabi Hotel*, were announced this week. Over 2,600 people guessed how much money the jar of coins on display in the exhibition contained. First prize winner, *Mrs. Inger Lesage* of Dhahran who was less than a franc off the exact sum of Swiss francs 623.28, won a bank full of Swiss coins. The three second prize winners were *Miss, Laila El-Khereifi, G.P. Wagner*, a gold bar, while six other winners received 5-gram gold bars for their estimates.

SUNDAY WAS INTERNATIONAL bar day at Dhahran Academy, and despite

the gale-force winds, children clung proudly to their bats as they paraded around the school grounds showing off their bonnets with as much style as traditional 5th Avenue New Yorkers. With some help from mom and dad, the children made the hats themselves. There were 10-gallon hats galore worn by proud Texans, hats that looked as if they came from Mars, hats shaped like national flowers, or animals (one magnificent beaver hat worn by a Canadian), hats shaped like peapouts, oranges and strawberries made by rural Americans, and lovely confectios from Japan like little *Naoko Mitsu*'s hat with pale blue and pink paper flowers and two origami figures on the brim.

ONE THOUSAND PEOPLE are expected at Dhahran Academy's carnival Friday, April 24, from 1 to 5 p.m. Buried treasure, a cake walk, raffles, popcorn, hot dogs and chili, a midway and games galore should assure both parents and small fry entertainment. The fund-raising event is sponsored by the PTA, and there is already a stiff competition between the various compound that send children to the academy as each is vying for the most attractive and interesting booth.

IF YOU FEEL LIKE a cool Alpine left in these sultry nights, the *Sound of Music*, set in the Alps during World War II, may revive your spirits. It is presented by the Dhahran Academy junior high under the direction of *Dorell Hadley*, the chorus and music teacher. The lead role of the Governor Maria is taken by *Teresa Hugas*, while the captain is played by *Eric Block* who must be one of the youngest stage fathers on record. *Tanya Hurst* takes the part of *Liesel*, *Gerry Acheson* is *Max* and *Sirena Othman* is *Elsa*. In her role as Maria, the indomitably hopeful governess, Teresa Hugas takes care of all of the many children of the Von Trapp family who fled Nazi Germany. Before coming here, Teresa performed in school productions in her Fort Worth School and she is known here for her performance in *Cinderella*, April 27 at 7 p.m. under the big elementary dome, Dhahran Academy.

ABDUL MOHSEN AL MANA'S one-man show of serigraphs and paintings continues at the *Arah Heritage Gallery*; Al Khobar, until April 30. The gallery is located at 28th street and Prince Saad St.

AN INDIAN CULTURAL PROGRAM is scheduled at the *Dammam Oberoi Hotel*, Wednesday April 29, from 12 to 4 p.m. Guest will be coming not only from Dammam, but from Restanura and Al Khobar as well. All ladies in the region are invited and asked to wear a sari if possible. Although the sari is the basic dress worn throughout India, the way it is worn varies in each of the country's 23 provinces. Among the many door prizes is a round-trip Dhahran to Delhi plane ticket. A sale and display of Indian handicrafts will be featured. Tickets at SR60 can be purchased in advance at the Oberoi or at the door on April 29.

U.S. stop-smoking plan yields encouraging results

By Victor Cohn

WASHINGTON, (WP) — Men who smoke and are high risks for heart attacks can, in effect, be "nagged" into stopping smoking and significantly reduce chances of heart attacks and other smoking-related diseases, according to an ongoing 10-year study.

The program, funded by the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, resulted in one of the most dramatic reductions in cigarette smoking — and better chance for health — yet achieved by any large study group. The experiment, which was conducted in the mid-1970s, involved 3,795 smokers at 22 medical centers.

The average "stop-smoking" program gets between 25 to 50 per cent of a group to quit.

After a year, a discouraging 75 per cent may have relapsed. By contrast, 40 to 45 per cent of the 3,795 habitual smokers in the NHLBI program had quit after four years, most in the first year, and had not restarted. This greatly reduces the danger of heart disease, lung cancer and other illnesses.

The institute's stop-smoking program primarily consists of a steady barrage of anti-smoking education, counseling, hypnosis, weekend retreats, mutual support groups and other methods such as giving quitters "I.Q." or "I Quit" buttons and other encouragement.

"There is no one uniquely successful method," said Dr. Oglesby Paul of Harvard Medical School, one of the centers. "It seems that a combination of methods is what works."

This approach was only part of an overall health program, the largest trial ever of measures to prevent heart disease. The first four years' results of this "Mr. Fit" trial were reported at the American Heart Association conference here.

In all, 12,866 men have participated. They were divided into an intensive study group and a control group of about 6,400 each, of whom 59 per cent were smokers. The 3,795 in the stop-smoking program were the smokers in the intensive study group.

That group succeeded in reducing blood pressure, weight, smoking and the amount of cholesterol in their bloodstreams so that they cut their risk of a fatal heart attack by 25 per cent compared to the control group, according to Dr. Paul and Dr. James Schoenberger of rush-presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, Chicago. Paul chairs the trial's steering

committee. Schoenberger is president of the heart association and a principal investigator.

The actual payoff — the number of men who have had heart attacks by the time the study is done early next year — will not be known before the fall of 1982.

"Mr. Fit" also stands for "MRFIT," or "Multiple Risk Factor Intervention Trial." Volunteers between ages 35 and 57 were signed up in New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Baltimore, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities.

All were considered a "high risk" for heart disease because they had at least one and usually two of three "risk factors": high blood cholesterol, high blood pressure and the cigarette habit.

The volunteers were randomly assigned to either an "SI," or "Special Intervention," group, or a "UC," or "Usual Care," group.

The Usual Care group has been given only an initial physical, an annual checkup for risk factors and recommendations to "see your own doctor."

The special intervention group has also had health lectures, special tests — like a carbon monoxide test to show them the dire effect of smoking on blood — and follow-up sessions every two to four months. At times some have had almost daily calls from a health counselor.

In the program's first four years: — Forty-five per cent of the SI group, by their own account (40 per cent by a stringent blood test), quit smoking, compared with 24 (and 23) per cent of the UC group.

— The SIs lowered average blood cholesterol by 19 points (from 254 to 235) compared with a 10-point drop in the UCs.

— The SIs (many on diets or drugs to control blood pressure) lowered average diastolic pressure from 92 to 82, compared with a drop from 93 to 86 in the UCs.

— The SIs lowered average weight from 189 to 185, compared with virtually no average loss among the UCs.

"Some of these differences may sound small," Schoenberger said. "But the group were not just average men. They were at least getting checkups that were regular reminders to take care of themselves.

"Also, these numbers are all averages. The improvement in many men was great. The results as a whole should mean a significantly lower risk of fatal heart attacks."

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Namibian group barred

U.N. Council debates S. African sanctions

UNITED NATIONS, APRIL 22 (AP) — An African official led off a U.N. Security Council debate on Southwest Africa (Namibia) Tuesday night by calling for "comprehensive mandatory sanctions against South Africa" to force it out of that territory.

Uganda Foreign Minister Albert Picho Owiny said, "the council must act now" to impose such sanctions since South Africa had breached international peace and security through its "massive military presence" in Namibia and its use of that territory as a "springboard" for attacks on its neighbors.

Owiny, whose country is chairman of the U.N. African group this month, spoke in the council a few hours after Uganda's U.N. Ambassador Olara Otunnu told a news conference the U.N. African group would regard it as "a very unfriendly and insensitive act" if the United States vetoed sanctions against South Africa.

The council, soon after convening and before Owiny spoke, voted down a Western proposal to give a hearing to the Democratic Turnhalle Alliance (DTA), the political coalition in Namibia fostered by South Africa as a counter to the militant Southwest Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).

The vote was six in favor and nine against a request from the United States, Britain and

France that the president of the alliance, Peter T. Kalangula, and a colleague, Kattutira Kaura, be allowed to participate in the debate as persons competent to provide the council with information on the subject under consideration.

Japan, Spain and Ireland voted for the request along with the three sponsors. China, the Soviet Union, East Germany, Mexico, Panama, the Philippines, Niger, Tunisia and Uganda voted against it. The council, using the same rule under which the request had been made, gave unanimous consent without a vote to the seating of SWAPO to take part in the debate.

Mrs. Jeane Kirkpatrick, the new U.S. ambassador here, explained her vote by saying it was "a very important matter of principle that all individuals with significant information to impart to the security council be permitted to speak." In denying the DTA the right to be heard, she said, the council damages "those principles on which the United Nations is based — that is, reason, discussion, representation."

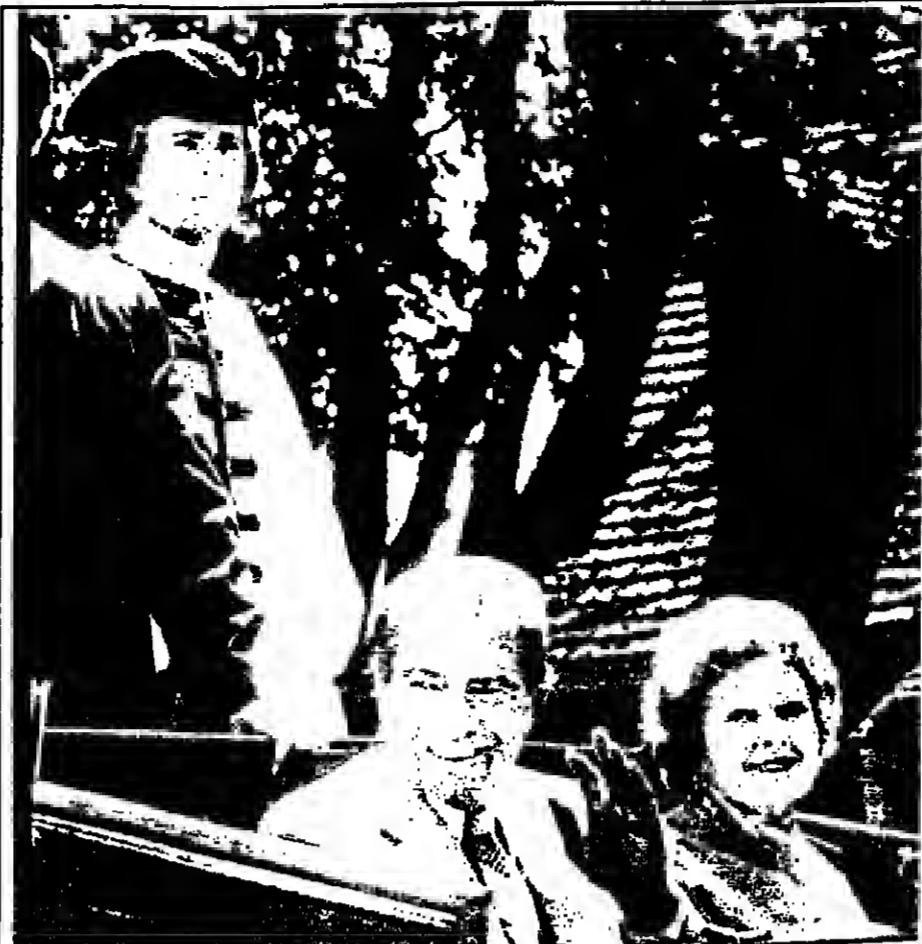
Otunnu, chairman of the 50-nation U.N. African group, recalled that the council in November 1978 had declared null and void a local election in Namibia planned for later in that year. He said that to hear the DTA now would be "to give some semblance of recognition to the forces" involved in that illegal election.

But Hamilton Whyte of Britain said that resolution did not apply to the present case, since the DTA delegation sought to speak as a representative of a party, not of a government. Soviet Ambassador Oleg A. Troyanovsky said his delegation stood with "the African and other states which speak out against" the internal Namibian political organization.

Kalangula accused the United Nations of being one-sided because the General Assembly had recognized SWAPO as the "sole and authentic" representative of the Namibian people. "We would like to be treated in the same way as SWAPO," Kalangula told reporters before the council vote.

Alluding to that sort of U.N. recognition, he said, "I don't see how a country can be discussed when only one party is accorded this treatment."

In the council debate, Foreign Minister Abdulai Conteh of Sierra Leone, speaking as chairman of the Organization of African Unity (OAU), said, "if the council fails to put on its mantle of responsibility, it shall by this failure deal a body blow to international confidence" in the world body. He urged the adoption of sanctions against South Africa "in the name of our common humanity. In the name of integrity of the United Nations and in the name of international peace."



WILLIAMSBURG VISITORS: Former President Richard Nixon and his wife wave to spring visitors in Colonial Williamsburg as they ride in an open carriage Tuesday during a two-day stay in Virginia.

Company warned

Japan probes N-plant leak

TOKYO, April 22 (Agencies) — The Japanese government began an investigation Wednesday of a nuclear power plant accident in which 56 workers were exposed to radioactive waste officials of the Japan Atomic Power Co. were threatened with criminal prosecution in the incident.

The accident, the most serious in the 15-year-old history of Japan's nuclear power industry, will provide ammunition to the vociferous anti-nuclear campaign in Japan which frequently mounts demonstrations at nuclear energy sites. Industry Minister Rokusuke Tanaka, who oversees Japan's 22 nuclear plants, said the government was considering that action to take against the plant because it had failed to report the leak on March 8 as regulations required.

Meanwhile, the president of the Japan Atomic Power Co., which owns the plant, said he would take full responsibility for the accident. The president, Shunichi Suzuki, has already admitted that the company was grossly and inexcusably negligent in failing to report the leak.

The labor and industry ministries and the national police all started investigations of the incident at Tsuruga on the Sea of Japan for possible violations of various laws and regulations. The company said the accident occurred when radioactive waste water poured onto the floor of the plant after a storage tank valve was mistakenly left open.

Eight workers in the plant began to clean the water up with buckets and mops and were joined later by 48 men provided by a subcontractor. The company said that the average total dose of radiation received by the men was 10 millirems and the highest dose received was 155 millirems.

Japan's government regulations provide for a maximum of 3,000 millirems per person over three months. The leak was only discovered at the weekend when government inspectors making spot checks found abnormally high levels of radiation on the seabed a kilometer from the plant. On April 1, the government announced that the plant had experienced minor leaks of reactor coolant water on two occasions last January.

Killer disease claims 400 in northern India

NEW DELHI, April 22 (AP) — More than 400 persons have died in an epidemic of the killer disease "kala azar," which has swept several villages in northern India, news reports said Tuesday. The fatalities have occurred over a period of about one month in Bihar state, the reports said.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) reported 221 deaths from Katihar district, where the feared disease struck several villages. A district official was quoted as saying that most of the victims were children.

The United News of India (UNI) reported 152 fatalities from neighboring Purnea district and quoted a top health official as saying that the death toll would have been far less had state authorities heeded his warnings. Both news agencies said that medical teams and relief supplies have been rushed to the disease-stricken regions. They did not report further details.

"Kala azar" is an infectious disease found largely in south Asian countries. It is caused by a protozoan parasite that is transmitted by sandflies. "Kala Azar" victims develop characteristics of irregular fever, anemia, enlarged spleen and liver.

In unrelated developments, 13 persons were injured and 25 arrested during a day-long industrial strike in New Delhi Tuesday which closed local factories and several newspaper offices, police said. The strike was called jointly by several trade unions to protest

Athenians demonstrate against air pollution

ATHENS, April 22 (AP) — Twenty thousand demonstrators brought the center of Athens to a near standstill Tuesday at a mass rally protesting air pollution in the capital, police said. The crowd, many wearing protective face-masks and carrying banners, heard Athens Mayor Dimetrios Beis lash the government for a policy "which condemns the capital to a slow death." Other demonstrators claimed government anti-pollution measures are inadequate.

The government last week banned the establishment of heavily pollution industries in the Attica area, which includes Athens, and provided for use of a less-polluting grade of oil with a lower sulfur content. Incentives are planned for industry to relocate outside the worst polluted areas. The government also called for checks of new and old cars to ensure they meet exhaust fume standards, and of apartment heating systems.

Participating in the protest were representatives of the municipalities of Athens, and the surrounding areas, members of the Pan Hellenic Medical Association, and many youth and women's groups, especially Socialist and Communist ones. The demonstrators marched to the parliament building to hand in a resolution demanding further government action. Police reported no incidents.

test what they called "anti-labor" policies of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government. Reporters and other workers at only two national newspapers, the pro-government *National Herald* and *The Statesman*, (conservative) reported for duty, while hundreds of others at six other newspaper offices stayed away from work. Dozens of policemen kept a watch for possible violence outside the offices of the *Herald* in New Delhi's press area.

The main parts of this capital city were plunged into darkness for up to two hours Tuesday night by a breakdown in power generation at a local power station. A spokesman for the Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking gave no explanation for the blackout.

South Asians stress need for cooperation

COLOMBO, Sri Lanka, April 22 (AP) — Foreign secretaries from seven south Asian nations meeting here have agreed on the need for effective regional cooperation. India and Pakistan, however, sounded notes of caution and warned Tuesday that the setting up of an institutional framework of association among south Asian nations was premature. There should first be a thorough exploration on the areas of cooperation, the two nations argued.

The conference began Monday. The five other foreign secretaries here are from Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bhutan and the Maldivian Republic. Pakistan's Foreign Secretary Riaz Piracha cautioned against the temptation of taking precipitate steps when the time and conditions were inopportune.

Piracha said that consultations on "higher political planes," meaning a meeting of foreign ministers and a summit conference being pushed by some of the participants, was premature. He said the establishment of an institutional framework was not feasible under the present circumstances. Such a framework, he said, should await the development of greater regional understanding and complementarity in the economies of the regional countries.

Indian Foreign Secretary R.D. Sathu, too, stated it would be "premature to consider the institutionalization of regional cooperation through the establishment of a secretariat." The Indian and Pakistani positions were in sharp contrast to the note of optimism sounded by Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Sihal Hameed, who formally opened the meeting with the assertion that formally structured regional cooperation usually involves an association of countries.

Thailand blames instigators for Muslim exodus

BANGKOK, April 22 (AP) — The Thailand Foreign Ministry has blamed "instigators" who spread rumors of imminent armed clashes between Muslims and Communist guerrillas in southern Thailand, for a recent exodus of Thai Muslim villagers into Malaysia.

The foreign ministry statement came in the wake of reports of increasing violence in the troubled south. Malaysian authorities say 1,170 Thai Muslim refugees have arrived in Malaysia over the past two weeks, claiming harassment from guerrillas who demanded their support.

The Thai statement said there were only about 700 Thai Muslims seeking refuge in Malaysia. It also said the refugees were told by the "instigators" to tell the Malaysian authorities of harassment by Communist terrorists and Thai officials.

The foreign ministry said it had requested Thai Ambassador to Malaysia Nissai Vejajiva to persuade the Muslim villagers to return home with the assurances of the Thai government for their safety and protection.

Advertisement for Minh al Riyadh hotel. It features a stylized logo at the top, followed by the text "Bon Appetit!", "Learn a little French from our new French Bakery", and "~Au coin de France". At the bottom, a box contains the text "MINHAL RIYADH hôtel de grande classe" and "AIRPORT ROAD TEL 4782500 P.O. BOX 12068 TELEX 202088 MINHAL SJ".

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Handwritten Arabic text at the bottom center of the page.

Soviet bomber threat 'grows'

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, Colorado, April 22 (Agencies) — Soviet bombers could penetrate north American radar at least until 1985, a senior military official has said. "There are lots of gaps and the Soviet bomber threat is on the upswing," said Cliff Zacharias, spokesman for the North American Air Defense (Norad) Command.

Maj. Zacharias, of the Canadian Air Force, was speaking during an interview with Reuters Tuesday at command headquarters deep within a hollowed-out mountain in the Rocky mountains. He said Canadian and U.S. radar built to detect a bomber attack was antiquated and could easily be jammed by the Soviet Union, while newer radar technology would not be able to close the gap for at least another five years.

NORAD commanders view that the Soviet backfire bomber with growing alarm and believe short-range Soviet bombers which can be refueled in flight, also pose a danger, he said.

The American-Canadian command is placing its hopes on the Backscatter system of over-the-horizon radar, Maj. Zacharias said.

Backscatter could provide radar coverage out to 3,200 kms, about 10 times further than set ground radar, Maj. Zacharias said. But if it works as hoped it cannot operate over the Arctic, a prime route for a Soviet bomber attack, because of interference by the northern lights (the earth's magnetic field), he said. The Arctic approach would have to be guarded by airborne warning and control system aircraft (AWACS), he said.

Meanwhile, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is fast losing its superiority at sea over the Soviet Union, according to a NATO's commander in chief for the channel theatre, Adm. Sir James Eberle. In a statement before leaving NATO to become commander in chief of Britain's Naval Home Command, Adm. Eberle warned that the alliance was "losing influence in determining events in a changing world."

The result was "increased war risk, less flexibility in the alliance's response to any aggression, and a lowering of the nuclear threshold." Noting an alarming fall in the numbers of NATO aircraft carriers (from 35 in 1970 to 15 today), escort vessels (from 550 in 1970 to 330 today), and conventional submarines (one-third less today than in 1970), Sir James said: "If the people of the West could be made aware of the true facts of the way the military balance is moving, they could be prepared to make the true sacrifices needed to meet the developing threat."

Britons oppose Trident missile

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Opposition in Britain to government plans to spend five billion sterling (\$10.85 billion) on a new independent nuclear deterrent is growing fast, according to a public opinion poll published Wednesday. The Marplan poll, commissioned by The Guardian newspaper, showed that 53 per cent of those interviewed were opposed to buying the Trident missile system from the United States.

Only 32 per cent were in favor, compared with 44 per cent and 37 per cent of those questioned in Marplan polls last September and November respectively. However, 65 per cent thought prospects for world peace were worse than a year ago and more than half of those interviewed supported calls by President Reagan and British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher for greater vigilance over Soviet intentions.

Less than a quarter were unreservedly in favor of unilateral nuclear disarmament and a majority thought defense spending should be held at its present level or increased.



SEEKING SUPPORT: President Ronald Reagan met Tuesday with a group of gubernatorial allies about ways to boost public support for the administration's economic plan. At extreme left is Vice President George Bush.

Candidates resume attacks

Young voters can swing French election

PARIS, April 22 (R) — With the French presidential election just a few days away, experts are trying to estimate the impact of a vast new young voters. The voting age was lowered to 18 from 21 after President Valery Giscard d'Estaing's election tour making this the first presidential race to test the will of teen-agers.

A solid vote to the left or right by the estimated 8.5 million youths, about 23 per cent of the eligible electorate, could swing the election.

Meanwhile, the 10 candidates in the election began taking shots at each other again after a holiday ceasefire. The four top candidates — incumbent President Valery Giscard d'Estaing, Socialist Francois Mitterrand, Communist Georges Marchais and neo-Gaullist Jacques Chirac — returned to the campaign trail with political rallies and appearances on a radio and television in preparation for Sunday's first round in the electoral contest.

Mitterrand accused Giscard d'Estaing of

not doing enough for old people and pledged to boost pensions and other benefits for the aged. Chirac, who has promised to decentralize the French government, said if elected he would reverse the feelings of "uselessness, malaise and discouragement," in French life by giving the French people "more responsibility over their daily lives."

Giscard d'Estaing, following his practice of never referring to his opponents by name, nevertheless took a shot at his leftist rivals by suggesting their economic plans were based on "Maoist ideas — as though France could organize itself around a system based on a completely different country."

Marchais charged Mitterrand of "continuing to be in a fog about concrete objectives and methods of change." French law prohibits the publication of polls during the week before the election. The top two finishers from the field of 10 candidates, widely expected to be Giscard d'Estaing and Mitterrand but with Chirac a strong outsider, will fight a run-off on May 10.

The polls show the president getting about 27 per cent of the vote in the first round, Mitterrand between 22 and 23.5 per cent, Chirac and Marchais between 17 and 19.5 per cent each with the remainder of the ballots scattered among the six minor candidates.

Chirac, who has been nibbling away at Giscard d'Estaing's conservative support, and forcing an all center-right contest in next month's runoff. Chirac's hopes of reaching the second round rest largely on the minor candidates and on the estimated 20 per cent of the voters who claim they remain undecided.

"Conventional wisdom would say the new young voters will support the left, or to a lesser extent the ecologist candidate," a spokesman for a leading opinion poll company told a radio interviewer. "But it's just not that simple as we found out in the 1978 legislative election," he added.

The candidates of the right and center parties, whose coalition has ruled France for the past seven years, show no signs of conceding the youth vote. Giscard d'Estaing has said his priority after re-election would be easing the plight of the country's 1.6 million unemployed, particularly among the young. The president's opponents have levelled some of

their harshest criticism at the unemployment figure and the frustration and despair they say it has brought to the country's youth.

Billy Carter case

Probe report rules out president's obstruction

WASHINGTON, April 22 (R) — The Justice Department's Office of Professional Responsibility has closed its probe of Billy Carter's Libyan connections, saying it had no evidence of official obstruction to investigations of former President Jimmy Carter's brother.

Neither the president nor former Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti tried to compromise or obstruct the investigation, the final report said. But it reiterated preliminary findings that Billy Carter lied to investigators. A spokesman of the department's criminal division said it would examine the evidence and decide whether to prosecute.

The professional responsibility probe was begun last year after Civiletti disclosed that he discussed the department's investigation of Billy Carter with the president. Of Civiletti, the probe concluded, "there is no evidence that he sought to obstruct or impede the criminal division's handling of the Billy Carter investigation."

The probe also concluded that, "the Department of Justice pursued a thorough, competent investigation of Billy Carter's

requirement to file as a foreign agent for the Libyan Government. The investigator also reviewed the State Department's decision to release two Boeing 727 aircraft to Libya and State Department efforts to keep the White House apprised of Billy Carter's activities."

He concluded that the release of the planes was "based solely on foreign policy considerations" and that the information passed to the White House by the State Department was "consistent with its normal responsibilities."

British pianist dies

LONDON, April 22 (AP) — Ivor Newton, the English pianist who for more than 50 years accompanied such great singers as Melba, Chaliapin and Maria Callas, has died at the age of 88. A lifelong Londoner, he died peacefully Tuesday.

The Times of London said in an obituary Wednesday: "A musician whose heart was never on his sleeve, he was nevertheless responsive to an unusually wide range of music and to the equally wide range of artists with whom he worked."

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Suzuki asked to reject U.S. pressure

TOKYO, April 22 (R) — Japanese opposition leaders Wednesday pressed Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki to reject U.S. calls for Japan to increase its role in Asian security and boost military spending. But Suzuki and Defense Minister Joji Omura made clear in separate speeches that Japan, in response to U.S. pressure, would complete a military buildup program by 1987.

The pressure on Suzuki to reject U.S. pressure came in a meeting with leaders of two major opposition parties. They discussed his trip to Washington to meet President Ronald Reagan in early May.

Ishio Asukata, chairman of the Japanese Socialist Party, the main opposition in Parliament, said Japan should not increase its role in Asian security. The Reagan administration has already made clear that it wants Japan to do more to defend itself.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (AP) — Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 55th birthday Tuesday with her family at Windsor Castle west of London. With the monarch were her mother, Elizabeth, the queen mother, her husband, Prince Philip, her youngest sons, Prince Andrew and Prince Edward, and her daughter, Princess Anne with her son Peter.

KATMANDU, (AP) — A Japanese expedition trying to scale 8,848 meter-high Mt. Everest set up its first high altitude camp at 6,025 meters on April 11, according to a message received here Wednesday from the base camp. The 20-member team plans to conquer the world's highest peak by mid-May.

BUENOS AIRES, (R) — Argentina's Supreme Court Tuesday upheld a decision by an appeal court to retry former President Isabel Peron on charges of misusing presidential funds. Mrs. Peron, who has been under house arrest since the armed forces toppled her government in March 1976, was given an eight-year sentence by another court for embezzling public funds.

EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE, California (AP) — The return of the space shuttle Columbia to the Kennedy Space Center in Florida has been delayed again, with departure now set for sometime Saturday morning, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration said Tuesday.

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Oil import by Japan falls 10%

TOKYO, April 22 (R) — Japanese crude oil imports fell substantially last year due mainly to slower economic activity and disruptions in supplies from Iran following a price dispute, the Trade Ministry said Wednesday.

The ministry said imports in the 1980 tax year ending last month totalled 1.57 billion barrels, a drop of about 10 per cent from 1.74 billion barrels in the previous year.

Saudi Arabia was the biggest supplier with 517 million barrels, a 10 per cent jump over the previous year, followed by Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates. But shipments from Iran fell 84 per cent to 36 million barrels following a price dispute and the taking of U.S. hostages in Teheran. Imports were resumed in January this year.

Japan, which imports all of its crude oil needs and faces an oil bill of about \$65 billion this year, also managed to reduce imports with a non-mandatory conservation program, including sparing use of air conditioners and heaters, and pleas for slower driving.

Rajai presents \$47 billion budget

BEIRUT, April 22 (AP) — Iranian Prime Minister Muhammad Ali Rajai Wednesday presented a \$47 billion budget to the parliament for this fiscal year, Tehran Radio reported.

Rajai said the war budget was \$7.85 billion. He was referring to the Iran-Iraq war which started on Sept. 22 of last year. Rajai said efforts were being made to ensure there would not be any budget deficit this year.

The republic's wartime defense expenditure still falls below that of the late Shah during peace time. Shah Muhammad Reza Pahlavi budgeted his defense expenditure at \$10 billion for 1978-79.



NEW PLANE GROWS: The Boeing Company's new 767 aircraft continues growth in its Everett, Washington, plant as three forward fuselage sections near body-joining for the first time.

EEC warns against illegal textile trading

GENEVA, April 22 (AP) — The European Economic Community has warned it will strengthen its defenses against "fraudulent" exports of textiles from countries seeking to circumvent restrictions under the international textile agreement.

A statement from the EEC mission here said Tuesday the European Commission plans to reinforce customs cooperation, information exchange and inspection procedures of its ten-member states in order to bar cheating by cheap-production countries.

The statement did not directly name any countries but left little doubt that companies from Hong Kong and South Korea were involved. These countries and Singapore were also mentioned in a United Nations study describing illegal textile trading.

Published in the mission's newsletter two weeks before talks for renewing the textile treaty and describing the EC's position, the

To monitor imports

statement said that because of slack demand, the community does not intend to allow an annual import increase of six per cent, as the treaty provided originally.

The clause is no longer binding since the treaty now also permits "jointly agreed reasonable departure" from its own provisions — an amendment enforced by the textile importing states and reluctantly accepted by the Third World textile exporters.

The statement said the community wants to continue controlling its textile imports through bilateral arrangements, which are authorized by the treaty, and thus to be able to "stabilize imports from more advanced suppliers like Hong Kong and South Korea," while granting "more favorable treatment to less developed suppliers like Sri Lanka and Indonesia."

A recent study by the secretary of the U.N. Conference on Trade and Development said

the import restrictions imposed after the 1977 treaty amendment led to a scramble for markets among the major developing textile exporters, who had been the main beneficiaries of the original treaty.

A staunch defender of the Third World as well as of the developing countries' major forum, UNCTAD said the suppliers' pressure on Western markets has led to new "problems." "Hong Kong clothing bearing labels, 'made in Indonesia' has been seized in the United Kingdom. More recently, numerous textile firms with headquarters in Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea and Singapore have set up operations in the newly establishing Sri Lanka export processing zone.

"They are thus able to take advantage of Sri Lanka's export quotas as well as of a female labor force which the government claims is the cheapest in Asia."

Rice, butter included Poland extends rationing

WARSAW, April 22 (AP) — Butter, flour, grain flakes and rice will be added to the list of rationed foods in Poland in May, the Polish news agency PAP has reported.

PAP had reported last week that such items would be rationed, but the report was withdrawn the next day and an official said it was "premature." In a television interview on Warsaw television Tuesday night, minister of internal trade Adam Kowalik said the purpose of rationing such items was state's concern to ensure a relatively just distribution, and access to food for the entire population.

The decision by the government to ration foods in addition to meat and sugar was made "in connection with numerous social demands and after consultations with the trade unions," PAP said. Rationing to make foods generally available was one of the demands of the independent trade union Solidarity during negotiations in the Gdansk shipyards last summer.

PAP said adults will get about one half kilogram (1.1 pounds) of butter per month, youths aged three-fourths of a kilogram (about 1.6 pounds) and pregnant women slightly more. It said there will be a three-month allotment per person of three kilograms (6.6 pounds) of wheat flour, and 2.5 kilos of grain flakes and rice — total — per month. The agency reported that bread, cookies and noodles will be exempted.

Kowalik said that although rationing was necessary under current conditions, he hoped that the need might be alleviated by the end of the year, but did not elaborate. Meat rationing began April 1 and sugar has been rationed for about five years and was further restricted in March.

Meat and sugar are already rationed throughout Poland, while cereals were rationed in 20 provinces. Animal, fats, vegetable oil, bread and macaroni are freely available.

able. PAP said grain rationing would last until the end of the year although it could be lifted according to local supply.

Brief rail strike in Japan hits 3m commuters

TOKYO, April 22 (AP) — Union representatives and private railway companies reached a wage increase settlement Wednesday morning, ending after three hours what had been scheduled as a 48-hour strike. The stoppage inconvenienced an estimated 2.9 million commuters.

Employee unions of 10 private railway companies had called the nationwide shut-down as part of Japan's annual "shunto," or spring offensive, a largely ceremonial labor negotiation.

In Japan, strikes rarely last as long as scheduled. They also are announced ahead of time, giving employers time to reserve hotel rooms or rent mattresses for their employees.

The National Railway Workers' Union (KOKORO) and motive power Union (DORO) representing workers of the Japan National Railways and municipal subway and bus lines, have called another 48-hour strike beginning Thursday. The three Japanese airlines also plan strikes Thursday and Friday.

Wednesday's brief stoppage came after the management board of the private railways association Tuesday night refused union demands for a monthly wage hike averaging 14,700 yen (\$68), about 7.7 per cent, including fringe benefits.

However, the increase was approved shortly after 7 a.m., and affected train, bus and subway service was resumed by 7:30 a.m.

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Egyptian issue hits Arab talks

KUWAIT, April 22 (AFP) — Finance ministers from 21 Arab countries ended a scheduled three-day meeting after only one day here Wednesday to avoid embarrassment of attendance by an Egyptian delegation which had arrived, headed by the Under Secretary at Egypt's National Economy Ministry, Medhat Abdul Aziz, informed sources said Wednesday.

The ministers, meeting as the council of und governments, failed to agree on the problem of Egypt's status within the management council of the Arab Company for Insurance and Investment. The Arab summit held in Baghdad shortly after the Camp David peace agreements between Egypt and Israel, agreed that Egypt should be suspended from the inter-Arab organizations, conferences and companies.

Egypt's involvement in the insurance and investment company is a matter of dispute between headline countries favoring Egypt's suspension, and other Arab countries with large investments in Egypt.

New Orleans to host World Fair in 1984

PARIS, April 22 (AP) — The Bureau of International Expositions gave its unanimous final approval Wednesday to a 1984 world's fair in New Orleans, the city's first such exposition in a century.

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Belgian Franc (1,000)	95.00	100.00	—
Canadian Dollar	2.82	3.30	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	155.00	155.50	155.10
Dutch Guilder (100)	140.00	142.00	139.40
Egyptian Pound	—	4.08	4.31
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.70	91.70
French Franc (100)	65.00	67.75	65.55
West German (1,000)	—	65.00	67.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	40.75
Japanese Yen (100)	—	8.00	—
Italian Lira (10,000)	31.00	31.50	31.20
Japanese Yen (1,000)	15.50	—	15.50
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.32	10.31
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.25	12.21
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	83.80	83.50
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	70.00	69.50
Pakistan Rupee (100)	—	—	34.10
Philippine Peso (100)	—	—	44.00
Pound Sterling	7.36	7.34	7.34
Saudi Riyal (100)	—	92.50	92.50
Singapore Dollar (100)	—	—	160.00
Spanish Peseta (11,000)	—	41.00	38.30
Sri Lanka (100)	170.00	171.00	170.35
Taiwan Dollar (100)	—	—	86.50
Yemeni Lira (1,000)	—	—	—
S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.3620
Yemeni Riyal (100)	—	73.75	73.65

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Iran, Turkey sign freight pact

NICOSIA, April 22 (AP) — Iran and Turkey signed an agreement in Tehran Wednesday for the transportation of one million tons of Iranian-bound freight annually via Turkey's railway system, reported Pars, the official Iranian news agency.

Pars said the agreement was signed by Turkish Commerce Minister Kemal Canturk and Iran's Minister of Trade and Commerce Hussein Kazempour Ardebili. Pars said the two ministers expressed the hope the signing of the agreement would pave the way for unlimited cooperation between the two neighboring states.

U.S. to study World Bank working

WASHINGTON, April 22 (AP) — The Reagan administration has commissioned a study of the World Bank to determine if its lending practices have encouraged socialist governments at the expense of private enterprise, a published report says.

The *Washington Post*, in its Tuesday edition, quoted Treasury Undersecretary Beryl Sprinkel as saying that the study was triggered by "a general view in conservative circles" that the World Bank, by pursuing a practice of government-to-government lending, is encouraging some governments that are socialist.

Sprinkel told the newspaper that at the same time, the World Bank's lending practices may reduce opportunities and "leverage" for private business. "That would certainly be inconsistent with what the Reagan administration wants," he told *The Post*.

Algeria to set date for gas talks with U.S.

ALGIERS, April 22 (R) — Algeria will soon set a date for talks with customers of the American El Paso Company on the resumption of liquefied natural gas (LNG) deliveries to the United States, an authoritative source has said.

A contract between the Algerian agency Sonatrach and the American company was suspended in April last year and talks on a new pricing formula were broken off last January. Since then Assistant U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher, acting on behalf of three El Paso customers — Columbia Gas, Consolidated Natural Gas and Southern Natural Gas — has tried to get the

GATT reports increase in trade disputes

GENEVA, April 22 (AFP) — A sharp rise occurred last year in the number of international trade disputes brought before the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the organization's annual report noted Wednesday.

The report said the increase mirrored current difficulties in international trade and pressures brought to bear on governments for curbing competition from imports or subsidizing exports. However, the international trade picture for 1980 was far from discouraging, with commerce in manufactured goods rising three per cent in volume during the year.

Although this rise was smaller than the 5.5 per cent recovered in 1979, it was three times the production increase for manufactured goods last year. The GATT report noted agreements most of the multilateral trade agreements (MTA's) concluded under the so-called "Tokyo round" in 1979 came into force during 1980. This demonstrated the continuing process of trade liberalization in the world, it said.

London stock market

LONDON, April 22 (AP) — Industrial hit records highs on the London stock exchange Wednesday carrying forward a bull market interrupted by the Easter holidays. Oil shares slumped, however, under the pressure of the glut of oil.

British government securities were strong with short dates adding between 12 and 25 pence, while longs were up 25.

Among major industrials, Guest Keen Nettleford jumped 9 pence, Britain's General Electric, Hawker Siddeley, Imperial Chemicals and Rank Organization 8, Pilkington 7, Vickers 6, Bat Industries 5, Babcock International and Courtauld 3, Unilever 2.

Gold shares jumped as much as \$3 as bullion moved above \$500 a troy ounce. Oils were the one glum sector as the market glut put pressure on prices. British Petroleum lost 8 pence, Shell Transport 6, Ultramar 3, while Burmah was unchanged.

London Commodities

	April 22	April 21
Gold (\$ per ounce)	500	486
Silver cash (pence per ounce)	535	529.50
3 months	549	544
Copper cash	842	844.50
3 months	863	864.50
Tin cash	5995	6025
3 months	6025	6112
Lead cash	358	353.50
3 months	365	362.74
Zinc cash	388	391.50
3 months	398	403.50
Aluminium cash	619	635
3 months	639	652.50
Nickel cash	2856	2887.50
3 months	2915	2945
Sugar May	195.2	190.50
Aug	198	193.50
Coffee May	1063	1053.50
July	1069	1057.50
Cocoa May	933	940.50
July	977	985.50

Note: Prices in pounds per metric ton. The above prices are provided by Saudi Research & Investment Ltd. P.O. Box 6474, Tel: 6453986, Jeddah.

Riyal adjusted against dollar

By J.H. Hammond

JEDDAH, April 22 — The Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency (SAMA) Wednesday devalued the riyal against the dollar from 3.3500 to 3.3600. This new level is the official SAMA dollar selling rate to local commercial banks who then adjust their selling prices to their own customers. At present, the maximum selling rate for commercial banks clients is set at 0.0042 by SAMA, thus making it 3.3642 after the devaluation.

The SAMA move is thought to have been prompted by the recent strengthening of the dollar on world exchange markets against most currencies. The devaluation reflects the desire to bring the prevailing local exchange rate in line with world currency realignments. The immediate effect of SAMA's action was to ease pressure on riyal interest rates which fell by as much as 0.75 to one per cent in all tenors. This is a welcome development for those who do not want to see the riyal interest rates climb in the Kingdom. One-month JIBOR was quoted at 15 1/4 — 15 1/2 per cent before the SAMA move and at 14 1/4 — 15 per cent after the devaluation. The one-year Bid-Offer Rate quoted from Bahrain also reflected this easing with rates falling from 14 1/4 — 15 1/2 per cent to 14 1/4 — 14 3/4 per cent.

Spot riyal against the dollar was quite active following the devaluation, with traders quoting between 3.3580-90 and

3.3582-89. The reason for dealing below the new 3.3600 level is primarily due to a technical factor of dealing on Wednesday's for value Friday dollars.

On the European exchanges, the dollar eased slightly more against most currencies.

The sterling rose by another cent to be quoted at 2.1720 against the dollar and European dealers said this could be due to the fact that Prime Minister Thatcher's Middle East visit looks promising in the short run for generating more British exports to the area. The mark also improved against the dollar, going from 2.18 levels to 2.1750 with no visible Bundesbank interventions by mid-day.

Other currencies that improved or remained steady against the dollar were the yen at 217.60, the Swiss franc at 1.9830 and French franc at 5.1430. The Italian lira continued weak at 1083 lira to the dollar. Gold continued to rally, as did silver on the European billion markets taking gold prices up from New York levels of \$488 per ounce to levels of \$493 per ounce.

Wednesday's closing gold prices (in dollars per troy ounce)

	Wednesday	Tuesday
London	500.50	485.75
Paris	524.68	518.18
Frankfurt	497.00	481.00
Zurich	499.50	480.50
Hong Kong	494.57	483.45

Thailand to set up fourth refinery

By Edward Thangarajah Arab News correspondent

BANGKOK, April 22 — Thailand is to set up a fourth oil refinery, capable of producing 300,000 barrels per day. The \$750 million refinery to be set up by Petros Supply (Thailand) Limited has informed the Thai government that it had negotiated with three countries, Saudi Arabia, Iran and Kuwait and would be in a position to obtain nine million barrels of crude oil a month.

The refinery is to be located near the Andaman Sea in south Thailand and plans to produce a wide range of petroleum products, including 126,000 barrels of liquefied petroleum gas, 939,000 barrels of gasoline,

75,000 barrels of kerosene, 360,000 barrels of jet fuel, 900,000 barrels of diesel oil, 630,000 barrels of fuel and 5,000 tons of sulphur.

The company also plans to export some finished products, as it believes the production capacity will exceed demand, especially with three other refineries in operation.

Construction work is scheduled to be completed in three years. The application made to set up the refinery has met with favorable response from the Thai government authorities and sources said it is unlikely it would be refused.

Thailand has three other oil refineries which now have a combined production capacity of 175,000 barrels per day.

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South Korea prevails

Kuwait begins with a big bang

KUWAIT, April 22 (R) — Kuwait beat Thailand 6-0 in their opening match of the World Soccer Cup Asian Group Three qualifying tournament here Wednesday. Abdulaziz Anbari (2), Jassim Yacoub, Fathi Kameel, Mohammed Kam, Faisal Dakheel scored for the winners who led 4-0 at halftime. On Tuesday, South Korea defeated Malaysia 2-1 in the inaugural match. The Games were opened at the Kazma Club Stadium by Kuwait's Minister of Social Affairs and Labor Hamad Al-Rujaih acting for Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al-Abdullah Al-Sabah.

The first goal was scored by Malaysia's James Wong in the sixth minute. In the 31st minute, Hong Sung Ho of South Korea scored the equalizer. The field was almost completely dominated by the South Koreans in the second half. The winning goal was netted by Jung Hae Wong in the 83rd minute following a stiff shot from 30 yards. The match was attended by a capacity crowd of about 10,000 including 5,000 South Koreans working in Kuwait. South Korea has thus won the first two points in the games. The national team has a good chance of qualifying for the 1982 World Cup tournament in Spain.

Soccer experts here believe that the Kuwaiti team is the only possible rival for the South Koreans for the World Cup games. Malaysia: R. Arumugon, Jamal Nasir, Soh Chinann, Yahya Juseh, San Tokh Singh, Shukur Salleh, Muhiddin Hussin, Khalid Ali, James Wong, Mokhtar Dahori, Hassan Sani. South Korea: Cho Byund Buk, Choi Jong Buk, Jang Woe Yong, Choyong Jewng, Park Sung Wha, Hong Sung Ho, Lee Kang Jo, Lee Jung Moo, Cho Kwang Nae, Choi Soon Ho, Jung Hae Wong.



Lee Trevino



Alan Jones

Kim gains verdict to keep title

SEOUL, South Korea, April 22 (AP) — South Korea's Kim Chul-Ho retained his World Boxing Council (WBC) super flyweight title with a unanimous decision over Japanese challenger Jiro Watanabe at Seoul's Changchung Gymnasium Wednesday. There were no knockdowns in the 15-round title bout which was close almost throughout. This was Kim's first defense of the WBC championship he won from Venezuela's Rafael Orozco last Jan. 24. It also was his 16th win against one loss with one draw. Kim, 20, weighed, 51.8 kilograms. Watanabe, 26, ranked seventh in the latest WBC ratings, weighed 51.9 kilograms. Both fighters exchanged probing punches in the first two rounds, but Watanabe came out offensively in the third round, jolting Kim with a flurry of blows to the head. It was definitely Watanabe's round. The two fighters were almost even but luckier in the next three rounds. The champion fought back in the seventh and eighth rounds in which he closed in constantly, connecting several times to the head. But there were no decisive blows. Both Kim and Watanabe continued to exchange blows without showing visible signs of letdown during the remaining five rounds, although the champ punished the Japanese with series of blows to the head in the 12th and 13th rounds. American judge Lew Eskim scored the fight 143-142 in favor of Kim. Japanese judge Kiyooki Kurume scored it 147-146 and Korean judge Kim Chin-Kook 148-146 all in favor of Kim.

30 Liverpool fans arrested in Munich

MUNICH, April 22 (AFP) — More than thirty Liverpool supporters were arrested during the night here as they went on the rampage after arriving to support their side against Bayern Munich in the European Cup semifinals. Some of the fans were at the heart of a drunken punch-up in one of Munich's best-known beer-houses which led to three policemen being injured. Others smashed shop windows and damaged cars. One passer-by was injured and a Pakistani newsagent was beaten-up when he refused to give his newspapers away free of charge. Several thousand Liverpool fans are expected to swell the visiting support before Wednesday evening's kick-off and massive police protection has been laid on. The two league champions drew 0-0 in the first-leg at Liverpool's Anfield stadium two weeks ago. Meanwhile, Spain's Real Madrid, relying on a 2-0 advantage scored in the first-leg game and on the top condition and morale of its players, was expected to keep under control the furious attacks on International in Wednesday's return-match of the European Cup of champions semifinals and reach the grand final of the most prestigious soccer competition for continental clubs. Vujadin Boskov, the Yugoslav coach, conceded on his arrival in Milan, on the match eve, that his team already booked the hotel for the May finals in Paris against the winner of the other semifinal pitting Bayern of Munich and Liverpool.

"We made reservations one month ago. I know that Inter also did the same, but I am convinced we have better chances," Boskov said. He said he was confident that his team can preserve the 2-0 advantage, without resorting to a defensive tactic. The Italian champions must win Wednesday's return-match 3-0 to gain the finals almost prohibitive target for Inter considering the poor condition of some of its key players. Both Boskov and Inter's coach Eugenio Bersellini agreed however that "a miracle" is always possible in soccer. A crowd of 85,000 will watch the match in the huge San Siro stadium, tickets, sold out well in advance of the match, produced record gate takings of 813 million lire or \$813,000. An extra boost to the engagement of Inter players will be given by a promised bonus of 12 million lire or \$12,000 to each of them if they reach the Cup finals. Real Madrid players will reportedly get a \$9,000 bonus. Neither coach announced the lineups, saying they still had some doubts to solve, Santillana and Perez Garcia were limping from minor injuries suffered in the match against Atletico but were expected to be among the starters.

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Boycott, Alan Jones among 128 blacklisted

LONDON, April 22 (AP) — American golfer Lee Trevino, world Formula One motor racing champion Alan Jones of Australia and England Test cricketer Geoff Boycott are among 128 international sportsmen and women named on a "blacklist" in London Wednesday. The list, issued by SANROC, the South African Non-Racial Olympic Committee, is to be submitted to the United Nations special committee against apartheid. It is hoped that governments will bar sportsmen named on the list from competing in international events. All those named have either played sport in white-minority ruled South Africa since January 1, 1981 or have "been involved in providing respectability for apartheid sport." Names will be removed from the list — and an earlier listing of 185 names — if the sports personalities involved undertake not to compete again in South Africa. "People who believe that sporting exchange will help the situation in South Africa are either very naive, or very dishonest," said Sam Ramsamy, SANROC's acting co-ordinator. "There have been only meager, cosmetic changes in South African sport. We want non-racial sport at all levels." The list, drawn up with the assistance of the British anti-apartheid movement, will be updated every three months. "We also hope to make it more comprehensive," said Ramsamy. Other leading sportsmen on the list include WBA lightweight boxing champion Santos Laciar of Argentina and his manager Tito Lectoure, West German golfer Bernhard Langer, top jockeys Lester Piggott, Willie Carson and Joe Mercer, American heavyweight boxer Mike Koranicki and New Zealand golfer Bob Charles. ARGENTINA: Santos Laciar, Juan Malvarez, Jose Narvaez, Roberto Alfaro, Tito Lectoure (boxing), Los Toros, Cordoba, Tucuman University, Hugo Porta (Rugby), Carlos Reutemann, Richardo, Zunino

(motor racing). BRAZIL: Nelson Piquet, Chico Serra (motor racing). CANADA: Kojak Kirk (professional wrestling). CHILE: Eliseo Salazar (motor racing). NEW ZEALAND: Bob Charles (golf), J.G. Fraser, Ces Blazey, Ron Don (rugby), Walter Hadlee (cricket), Kohn MacDonald (veterans athletics). AUSTRALIA: Alan Jones (motor racing), Robbie Woods (water skiing), Marl Loane, Gary Pearce (rugby). UNITED STATES: Lee Trevino, T. Vargo B. Woods, A. Salicas, M. Redding (golf), Eddie Cheever (motor racing), Steve Michalerya, Steve Delgado, Steve Gregory, Mike Koranicki (boxing), Steve Hardison (athletics), U.S. national water skiing team, U.S. national surf life saving team, Katie Monahan, Ella Raidt, Leslie Burr, Peter Lone (equestrian).



Geoff Boycott

Karpov poised for victory

MOSCOW April 22 (AP) — World chess champion Anatoly Karpov was near victory Tuesday in the International Grandmasters' Tournament in Moscow, with 8.5 points after 12 rounds. Only Lajos Portisch of Hungary remains within reach of the championship, the Soviet news agency Tass reported. Karpov drew in the 12th round Tuesday with Jan Smeikal of Czechoslovakia and now faces a final match with Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union. Kasparov tied Tuesday with fellow countryman Lev Polugaevsky, with each of them now holding seven points. Portisch, with 5.5 points and two adjourned games, can still win the championship if he wins adjourned 11th round match with Jan Timman and his adjourned 12th round match with Ulf Andersson of Sweden, as well as his 13th round contest. Karpov would also have to lose his match with Kasparov for Portisch to take the championship.

Thijssen voted player of year

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Dutch international Frans Thijssen, who plays for English First Division club Ipswich, Wednesday became the first foreign player for 25 years to be voted player of the year by the English Football Writers' Association. Thijssen, 29, followed in the footsteps of West German Bert Trautmann who topped the Writers' poll as Manchester City's goalkeeper in 1956. Second and third places also went to Ipswich players, England defender Mick Mills and Scottish international John Wark, while Ipswich's other Dutch player, Arnold Moonen was fifth.

Tony Whelan nets winner

ATLANTA, Georgia, April 22 (AP) — Tony Whelan of Britain scored a goal with 2:20 left to propel the Atlanta Chiefs to a 2-1 victory over the Jacksonville teammen in North American Soccer League Tuesday night. The Chiefs' first goal came after 11:50 had elapsed and was scored by Paul Childs, who now has a four-game scoring streak. Jacksonville equalized at 33:38 following a goal by Pat Ercoli. The victory evened Atlanta's record at 2-2 and earned the Chiefs a tie with Fort Lauderdale for first place in the NASL Southern Division. Meanwhile, Rob Baan, interim-coach of the Dutch National Soccer team, Tuesday announced his 23-man selection for the Group Two World Championship qualifying match against Cyprus on April 29. Three uncapped players are included in the selection: Ajax midfielder Willem Kieft and kees Van Kotten of G.A. Eagles, Deventer, and Michel Van Der Korput of Torino of Italy. Treysel of AZ '67, Alkmaar, who has kept goal for Holland five times, is also recalled to the squad. Former captain Jan Peters of AZ and PSV Eindhoven's Rene Van Der Kerhof have been left out of the selection. Van Der Kerhof recently underwent surgery for appendicitis and is still recuperating, and Peters, suspended for four Dutch competition games, has not been considered. Baan will announce the final 16 for the match April 27.

Tuesday's Results

English Division One

Birmingham	0	Leeds	2
Middlesbrough	0	Coventry	2
Division Two			
Ripon Rovers	1	Sheff Wed	2
Preston	1	Sheff Wed	2
Shrewsbury	2	Sheff Wed	2
West Ham	2	Sheff Wed	2
Division Three			
Barnley	0	Cardiff	2
Charlton	0	Oxford	1
Exeter	1	Plymouth	1
Huddersfield	1	Walsall	1
Sheff Wed	1	Walsall	1
Sheff Wed	1	Walsall	1
Division Four			
Doncaster	2	Bradford	0
Northampton	2	Peterborough	0

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In National League

Expos rout Phillies for seventh victory

NEW YORK, April 22 (AP) — The Montreal Expos, sparked by rookie Tim Lincecum's four hits, two runs batted in and club-record tying four stolen bases, battered Philadelphia 10-3 Tuesday for their seventh victory in nine games.

The Expos, who equalled a team record with seven steals, broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning against Dick Ruthven when Rodney Scott singled in Raines. Scott eventually scored on Ellis Valentine's sacrifice fly. The Expos added five runs in the sixth when Raines and Valentine both singled home two runs. Earlier, Gary Carter homered for Montreal in support of the 10-hit pitching of Scott Sanderson.

Also in the National League, the St. Louis Cardinals trounced the Chicago Cubs 8-0 behind the five-hit pitching of Andy Rincon. It was the fifth straight victory for the Cardinals and the eighth loss in a row for the Cubs.

St. Louis erupted for six runs in the third inning, two on Gene Tenace's double and two on Tommy Herr's triple.

Tommy Boggs pitched eight scoreless innings and drove in two runs and Boh Horner drove in four to pace Atlanta to a 10-1 rout of the Cincinnati Reds.

In Houston, Boh Knepper scattered three hits and doubled and scored the game's only run on Cesar Cedeno's third-inning single as

the Astros cooled off Los Angeles 1-0 to break a four-game losing streak. It was the Dodgers' second loss in 11 games. Chris Welsh posted his first Major League victory as the San Diego Padres downed San Francisco 3-1.

In the American League, Tony Armas' bases-loaded single in the 10th inning and Steve McCatty's six-hitter gave Oakland its 13th victory in 14 games this year as the A's beat Minnesota 4-3.

Ben Oglivie smashed a three-run homer and Moose Haas scattered nine hits to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 victory over Toronto.

Reggie Jackson's single produced one of two unearned runs off Milt Wilcox in the first inning to give the New York Yankees a 2-0 victory over Detroit.

Tony Bernard's fourth hit of the game, a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth inning, and a four-hitter by Britt Bures gave the Chicago White Sox a 2-1 victory over Baltimore. A run-scoring double by Bo Diaz triggered a three-run ninth as the Cleveland Indians beat Kansas City 4-1 behind Rick Waits' seven-hitter.

Carney Lansford, the AL batting leader, raised his average to .485 with three hits and drove in two runs, leading Boston to a 10-4 romp over Texas. Lansford had two singles and a double in Boston's 15-hit attack.

John Austin shocks Fibak

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, April 22 (AP) — John Austin beat sixth-seeded Wojtek Fibak of Poland 6-2, 2-6, 6-1 and John Alexander of Australia defeated No. 8 seed Johan Kiek of South Africa 6-3, 6-1 in the opening round of the \$ 340,000 Alan King-Caesars Palace Tennis Tournament.

The only other seeded player to play Tuesday, No. 4 Roscoe Tanner, used his big serve to beat Vijay Amritraj of India, 6-4, 6-3 and advanced to the second round of the tournament. Nastase, the Romanian who formerly was one of the world's top-rated players, lost to former champion Stan Smith, 7-6, 6-1. In the other first-round match at Caesar's Palace, Rolf Gehring of West Germany beat Rick Meyer 7-6, 6-7, 6-2. Nastase lost a tie-breaker in the first set after tying Smith 4-4 and then losing the next three points.

Amritraj had Tanner at break point five times but the former Stanford ace fought back successfully each time. Tanner held his serve and then came back to break the serve of the star from India in the eighth game. Meanwhile, Ray Moore of South Africa

beat Veteran Mark Cox of Britain in the opening round of the British Hard Court Tennis Championship at Bournemouth Tuesday. Moore, 34, recovered from a bad start to defeat 37-year-old Cox 2-6, 6-3, 6-2. Cox won the title here in 1970.

Another Briton, 18-year-old qualifier Jeremy Bates fared rather better than Cox, scoring a confident 6-2, 6-4 victory over Jan Norback of Sweden.

Balazs Taroczy of Hungary, who was defeated at the Monte Carlo tournament last week, is the top seed. Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia is seeded No. 2 ahead of the powerful Paraguayan Victor Pecci.

Most of the seeded players have their first matches scheduled Wednesday.

First round results Tuesday included: Ray Moore, South Africa, beat Mark Cox, Britain, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2; Gabriel Urpi, Spain, beat Chris Mayotte, U.S., 6-4, 6-0; Guillermo Dubone, Argentina, beat Robin Drysdale, Britain, 7-6, 4-6, 6-0; Jeremy Bates, Britain, beat Jan Norback, Sweden, 6-2, 6-4.



TOUCHING: Pallbearers including from left: Don King, Larry Holmes, Frank Sinatra and at right rear Muhammad Ali carry Joe Louis' casket from the Caesar's Palace sports arena after funeral service. Louis' widow Martha and the Rev. Jesse Jackson follow immediately behind.

In Arlington cemetery

Joe Louis laid to rest

ARLINGTON, Virginia April 22 (AP) — Joe Louis, a sharecropper's son who shouldered the spirit of black Americans and wore boxing's heavyweight crown a record 12 years, was buried Tuesday among the United States' war heroes in the Arlington National Cemetery.

To a three-volley salute from seven riflemen of the Old Guard, Louis was laid to rest on a sunny slope barely 500 feet from the tomb of the Unknown Soldier. It was "a fitting place for a man whose distinctive patriotism and extraordinary accomplishments made him one of the most unforgettable Americans of our time," according to President Ronald Reagan.

The convalescing president's eulogy was read by Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger, who was joined at graveside by luminaries a cross the spectrum of the political and sporting worlds. They included congressmen, senators and former heavyweight champions Jersey Joe Walcott, Joe Frazier and Muhammad Ali.

There, too, was the family, including widow Martha and son Joe Louis Barrow Jr. and thousands of ordinary fans, black and white alike.

Louis won 68 of 71 fights and defended his

title record 25 times from 1937 to 1949. He was idolized by Ali, who often called himself the greatest. Louis, who would have been 67 next month, died of a heart attack April 12 in Las Vegas. His body was placed on view for two days last week at Caesar's Palace Hotel, where he last worked as a greeter, and then was flown to Washington where he lay in repose for two days at the 19th street Baptist Church.

Louis, who was a sergeant during World War II and entertained an estimated two million troops with boxing exhibitions around the world, was hurled at Arlington after the military's eligibility standards were waived by Reagan.

Louis' greatest moment in the ring came in a 1938 rematch with Max Schmeling, the pride of Nazi Germany. The German, as a 10-1 underdog, had knocked out Louis in 12 rounds in the first meeting in June 1936. But the second time, Louis floored Schmeling with less than a minute to go in the first round before 70,000 fans in Yankee Stadium.

Instantly, America fell in love with the "Brown Bomber of Detroit." His purses from 71 fights during his 17-year career amounted to approximately \$4.7 million.

Shekhar Mehta reinstated as Safari Rally winner

NAIROBI, April 22 (AP) — Kenya's leading sports authorities restored Kenyan Shekhar Mehta as winner of the Safari Rally Tuesday and demoted Rauno Aaltonen of Finland to second place, ending two days of debate over one of the most fiercely fought road races in Safari history.

A five-man panel from the Automobile Association conferred for more than seven hours before backing Mehta in his try for an unprecedented fourth Safari victory.

The panel ruled that a 10-kilometer error in the driver's road book provided by Safari organizers brought to light by Aaltonen, was not sufficient to upset the Rally result.

Mehta appealed after Rally stewards declared Aaltonen the winner. The stewards reversed initial penalty point totals announced by organizers, giving the win to Mehta.

The two men, Datsun teammates whose long friendship erupted in an unexpectedly bitter driving contest this year, finished the Safari's 5,000 kilometers of mud and rocks Monday with Mehta ahead by only 5 points. Their cars collided at least once in the closing stages as they hurtled side by side over narrow, rutted roads, each unwilling to yield

and lose time. Aaltonen said he would appeal the AA panel's ruling to the International Federation of Auto Sport in Paris, the world authority. That would mean months of evidence gathering and discussion that could reverse the Safari result again.

Aaltonen has placed second three times and third once in 18 Safari rallies. Stewards early Tuesday accepted Aaltonen's contention that the route book listing of a northern Kenya road between Archer's Post and Isiolo as 28.29 kilometers was an error grave enough to cause the section to be excluded from the result. The section is actually 38.29 kilometers long.

Mehta contended the mistake was not serious and that the section should not be nullified. He said the road was straight and clear between Archer's Post and Isiolo, that the route was known to rally drivers and that all other competitors coped with the error without becoming lost.

The AA panel sided with Mehta. Both drivers said the issue hung on an interpretation of the situation, since there is no specific Rally rule covering the road book error.

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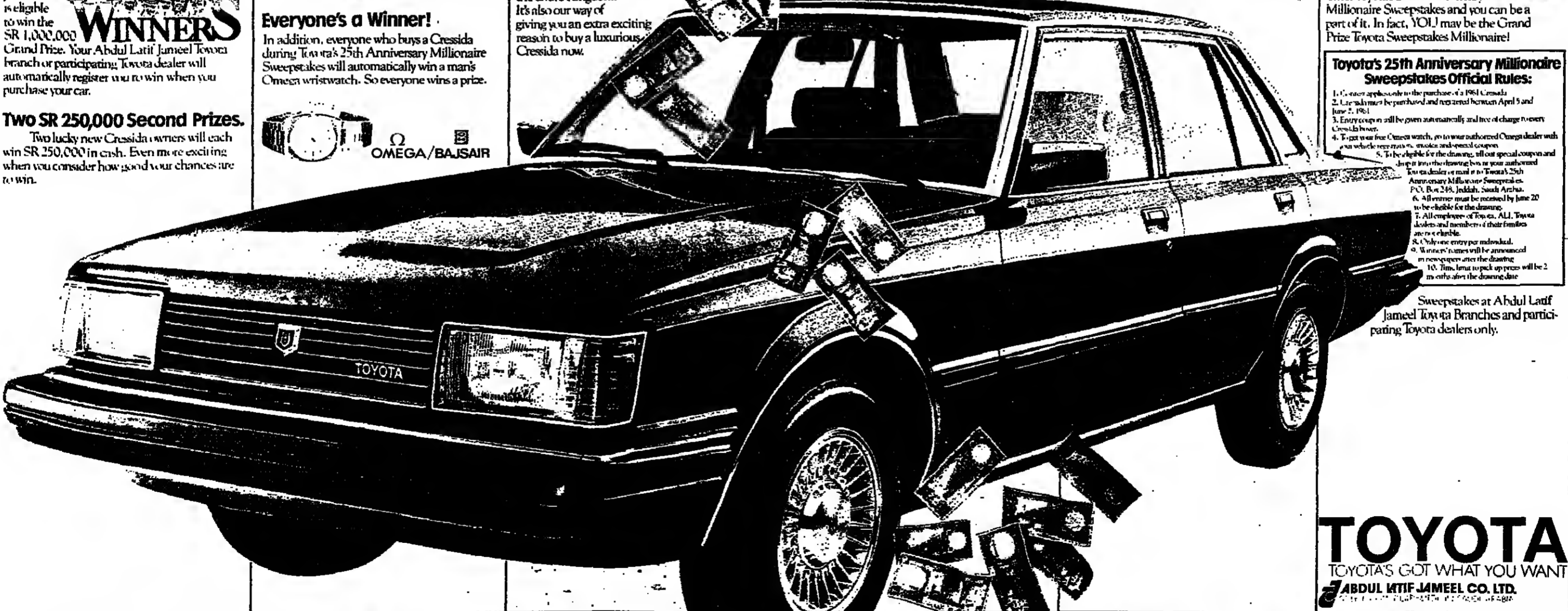
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Flees to Burma

Thai coup general seeks U.S. asylum

TOKYO, April 22 (AFP) — Gen. Sant Chitpatima, who led an abortive coup in Thailand three weeks ago, has fled to Burma and is seeking political asylum in the United States, the Burmese Embassy in Tokyo announced Wednesday.

In a press statement, the embassy said if the U.S. government rejects the request by Gen. Sant, the former deputy commander of the Thai army, Burma will grant him political

asylum on the condition that he refrain from political activities directed against Thailand.

According to the statement, Gen. Sant and 2nd Lt. Somchairot Tong fled Bangkok and arrived at the border town of Kanchanaburi on April 3 and stayed there until April 13. They arrived at a point near the Burmese region of Ye April 16 and turned themselves to an outpost unit of the Burmese army April 17, the statement said.

Gen. Sant and the lieutenant were taken to Rangoon by helicopter April 18 and placed under the custody of the Burmese authorities after interrogation. The Burmese authorities have made arrangements for the Thais to meet the American ambassador and also notified the Thai government of the action, according to the statement.

Meanwhile, Thai Premier Prem Tinsulanonda returned to Bangkok Wednesday after a two-day absence to lingering unease in the wake of the abortive coup. Gen. Prem, who was ousted from power for 56 hours by army officers, flew back from the northeastern Thailand province of Sakon Nakhon where he was received Tuesday in audience by Thailand's King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

In his absence, Maj. Gen. Arthit Kamlang-Ek, considered Gen. Prem's top aide in quashing the coup, had to deny at least once rumors of another military takeover. Detained coup plotters and their future continue to dominate headlines and a continued purge of the army causes discontent.



Gen. Sant Chitpatima

Following split

2 Afghan groups formed

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, April 22 — The Islamic Alliance for Liberation of Afghanistan (IALA), a grouping of five anti-Communist Afghan parties, Wednesday split into two mini alliances consisting of pro-Western moderates and Islamic fundamentalists. The new grouping formed by the Islamic fundamentalists also include the Hezb-e-Islami Hikmatyar group. The largest and most effective liberation force which remained aloof from IALA. The Hezb which had previously refused to join the IALA because of the presence of some pro-Western elements Wednesday agreed to join hands with the Jamiat-e-Islami, the Islamic Revolutionary Movement and the Hezb-e-Islami Younus Khalis group, a faction which broke from the Hezb earlier.

The moderates led by Syed Hamed Gilani of the National Islamic Front also announced formation of a four-party alliance and

claimed that the Islamic Revolutionary Movement led by Maulvi Muhammad Nabi Muhammad and the faction of Hezb-e-Islami led by Maulvi Younus Khalis had signed the charter of the new alliance. The leaders of the two groups whose affiliations were still controversial, were not available for comment.

Gilani Monday received a message from President Ronald Reagan thanking him for his concern over the recent assassination attempt on the U.S. president. Gilani's visit to the United States and meetings with senior American officials early this year was followed by Reagan's offer to supply the Afghan freedom fighters with U.S. arms.

Gilani was sharply criticized here for his collaboration with the Western powers and a spokesman for the fundamentalist group told Arab News that bombing of Afghan villages by Soviet war planes had intensified ever since Reagan made his public offer. The spokesman said that he saw Egyptian hand behind the liquidation of the IALA and charged Cairo with effective efforts to distort the Islamic image on the Afghan resistance struggle.

Meanwhile, 40 persons, including three ranking security officials, have been killed during the past 15 days in the Afghan capital, a Western diplomatic report said Wednesday. A separate report, also from Western diplomatic sources, said that assassination claims by local contacts have been backed up by a "high number" of funerals attended by top party officials after nearby streets had been blocked off by a large contingent of troops.

Sharfuddin Sharaf, commander of a militia formed of young party activists and known as the defense of the revolution forces, was killed last Friday and his death, but not its cause, was announced by Radio Afghanistan, the sources said. Brig. Ghulam Sakhi, identified by an authoritative nonaligned diplomatic source as the No. 2 man in the country's military intelligence apparatus, was finally shot April 13 near the Soviet Embassy in broad daylight. The source said Sakhi was gunned down along with his brother.



CREWMEN STRIKE: Honduran crew members of the cruise ship *Mardi Gras* drape a Honduran national flag from the forward deck and settle in to negotiate with officials of U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service during a strike against Carnival Cruise Lines Monday. The strike began over a dispute involving the firing of two Honduran crewmen.

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AWACS

Baker who talked to Reagan by telephone shortly before the announcement, believes the president should not send the proposal to Congress until after the Israeli elections June 30 in hopes that opposition will have abated by that time, Senate sources say.

Baker was to meet Wednesday with Secretary of State Alexander Haig to discuss the sale. He will meet with Reagan Thursday. Congress can block the sale with rejection by both the House and Senate, but the 30-day veto period does not start until the sale is formally presented to Congress, Senator Edward M. Kennedy said in a statement that he will try "to block this dangerous action."

But Senator Charles H. Percy, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said the package's fate in Congress depends on conditions the administration is trying to negotiate with the Kingdom. "It depends on what the package is and what understandings have been reached and what conditions are being laid down," Percy said.

An AP press survey last week found that 45 senators, nearly half the Senate, are leaning or committed against the sale and another 25 are concerned about it. In announcing the proposed sale Tuesday, Speaker told reporters "the president believes this step is essential to protect our interests in the region."

Egypt is pushing strongly for new shipments of sophisticated U.S. arms for itself. Egypt's defense minister, Gen. Muhammad Abdul Halim Abu Ghazala, is in Washington this week for meetings with top U.S. officials. He is expected to press for early delivery of Hawkeye radar planes to Egypt. Israel has

the Hawkeye planes, which are less sophisticated than the AWACS.

The AWACS planes are flying command posts with radar that can pinpoint enemy planes within a 400-kms radius.

Meanwhile an emergency session of the Israeli parliament has been called to debate the U.S. decision on AWACS, it was announced in Tel Aviv Wednesday. The debate is being called at the urging of the opposition Labor Party.

A source close to the foreign ministry said that Israeli anxiety was heightened because "the Western powers are competing in their desire to arm Saudi Arabia."

Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin met with U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and expressed Israel's displeasure. The meeting was at Lewis' request and dealt mainly with the fighting in Lebanon, the envoy told reporters.

The Israel Deputy Defense Minister Mordechai Zippori Wednesday vowed to fight what he called the Reagan administration's "very, very unpleasant decision" on the AWACS.

The statement said Israel would fight the decision as it had in the past — by appealing to the U.S. administration and public "and explaining to them what this means."

He said he was sure Israel would find ways to meet the threat allegedly posed by the AWACS planes, but "it will place a heavy burden on our security forces and we are reaching a stage where that burden is becoming too heavy to bear."

Reagan

he lost 7.7kgs in a bout with pneumonia. Presidential aide Edwin Meese III told a law enforcement conference Wednesday that "I wouldn't be surprised to see him back at his desk the early part of next week."

Reagan did not say when he expected to return to the Oval Office but he said that with Congress in recess his schedule, now that he has returned to the White House, has hardly been altered by the shooting.

Reagan said that working in his quarters was convenient because in making telephone calls to members of Congress he can set about his business "without bothering to get dressed."

The president said he was taking naps in the afternoon and "that was never a habit of mine. I've never been one who naps well in the daytime."

But asked whether he would be able to get back upon a horse and take part in his favorite recreational activity, he said, "I think that will come along pretty soon."

Soviets rap West on Poland

MOSCOW, April 22 (Agencies) — The Soviet Communist Party leadership Wednesday accused the West of a "hypocritical and adventurist policy" over Poland, and warned that Poland has "true friends on which it can depend."

Konstantin Chernenko, speaking for his colleagues in the party's 14-member ruling Politburo, said in a nationally televised speech that "certain figures in the West make the prospects for development of détente dependent on development of events in that country (Poland)."

"On the other hand, they try to destabilize the situation in Poland and complicate the overcoming of the crisis period. This is a hypocritical and adventurist policy. The Polish Communists and Polish workers have built a strong, independent Socialist motherland and will not surrender what they have accomplished," the 69-year-old Chernenko said.

Good Morning

By Jihad Al Khazen

More on the question of the all span, and how if your time wasn't up don't have to unduly worry.

There was that man in the States spent years without work. Finally thought he might as well do something seeing how this was the way of the w and the few extra bucks might come handy. He looked for a job and found one.

But now comes the question of allotted span — at least of unemployment if not life in this case. The job he got that of pest exterminator, and the work he had to do was in a house on edge of the town.

He knocked and a gentleman let him in and showed him the basement, there he had to treat. As he went down, he heard his horror the click of the door of basement being locked. He then heard his further horror, a mad cackle from gentleman who had just shown him who was clearly mad as a hatter.

The madman then kept him prisoner 24 hours, dousing him with cold and water alternately, cackling madly all while. Finally the job-seeker was released half dead with fright and fatigue, immediately decided that it was obvious not time yet to go to work, and that the better off before.

But then you have to consider the side of the coin. Which is when the tip up it's well and truly up and might as accept it.

For there was this explorer in the land of the Amazons, who found himself to face with what looked like a bear. He poked it with a stick and it was also full of deadly wasps which immediately began to swarm. He panicked at then looked round and saw a river. "You can't touch me now" he said at the wasps as he jumped into the river. He didn't know it was full of the deadliest piranhas. Judging by the reaction of those piranhas, it is almost certain he never had time to know.

Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awan*

Italian women denounce Mafi

PALERMO, Sicily, April 22 (AP) — Thirty thousand determined Italian women in an unprecedented move, Wednesday declared war against the Mafia. They signed a petition to President Sandro Pertini protesting against Mafia crime in Sicily Calabria, the barrow "top" of Italy. In Sicily the local Mafia is called "Ndrangheta."

The petition is being delivered by widows of the Mafia's three most prominent recent victims — Rita Costa, whose husband Vito, a state prosecutor, was assassinated August, Giovanna Giacomina whose husband Cesare was killed in Palermo in Sept. 1979, and Caterina Mancuso, whose husband was a senior police officer.

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